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(54) **MOBILE TERMINAL, MOBILE TERMINAL SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING OPERATION OF THE SAME**

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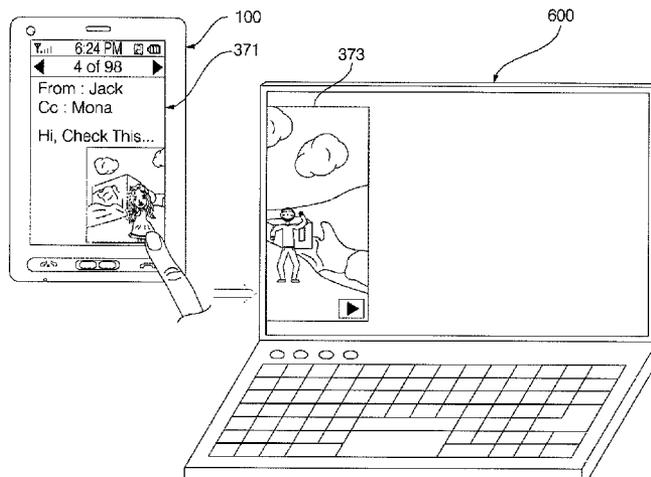
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A mobile terminal which can enter a content share mode, a mobile terminal system, and a method for controlling the operation of the same are provided. After entering a content share mode, a mobile terminal can transmit and receive content to and from another mobile terminal which is in the content share mode and within a predetermined distance. The mobile terminal can also specify a content transmission format. Before the content is transmitted, the content may be displayed on another mobile terminal using a thumbnail of the content. Users can conveniently transmit content between mobile terminals.

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FIG. 1

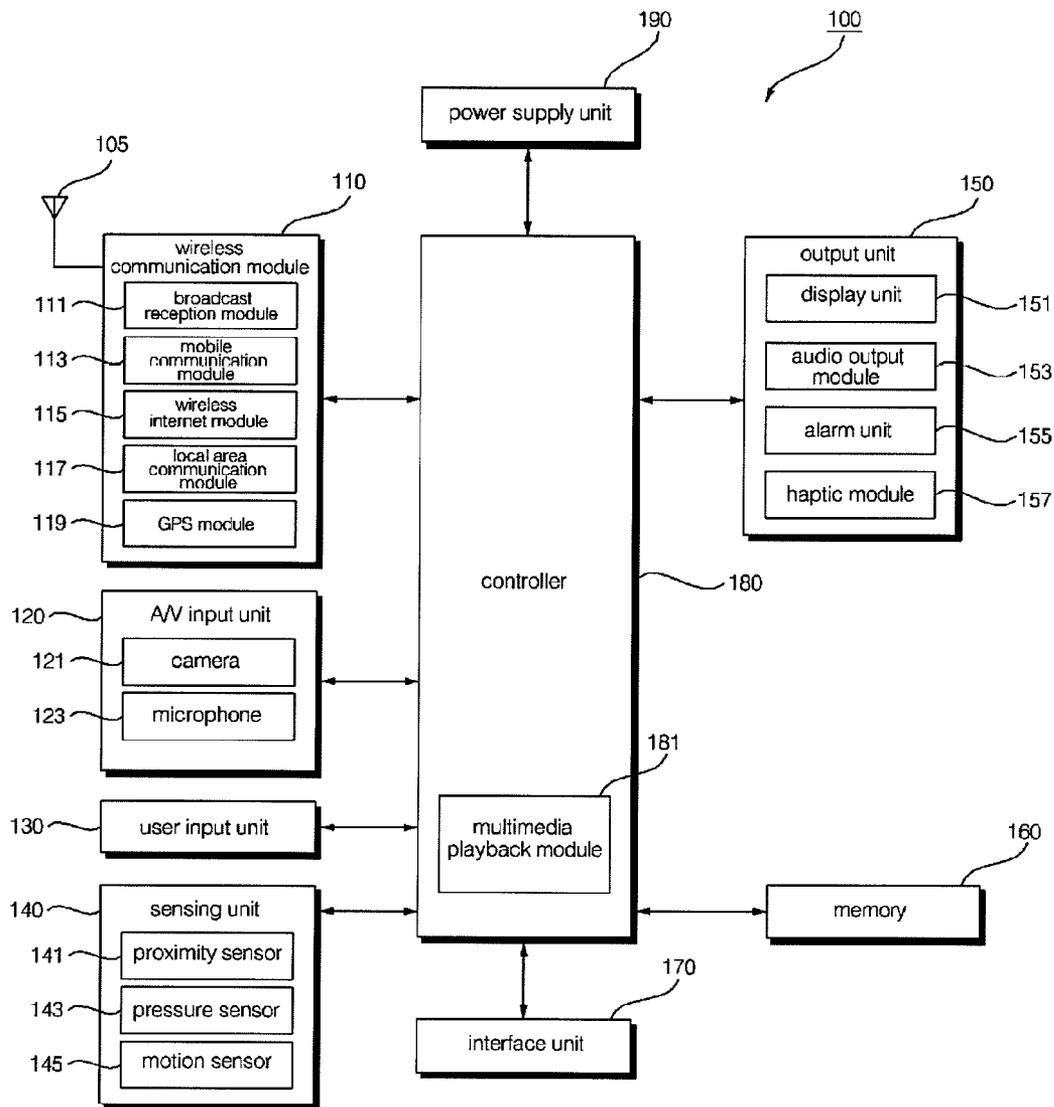


FIG. 2

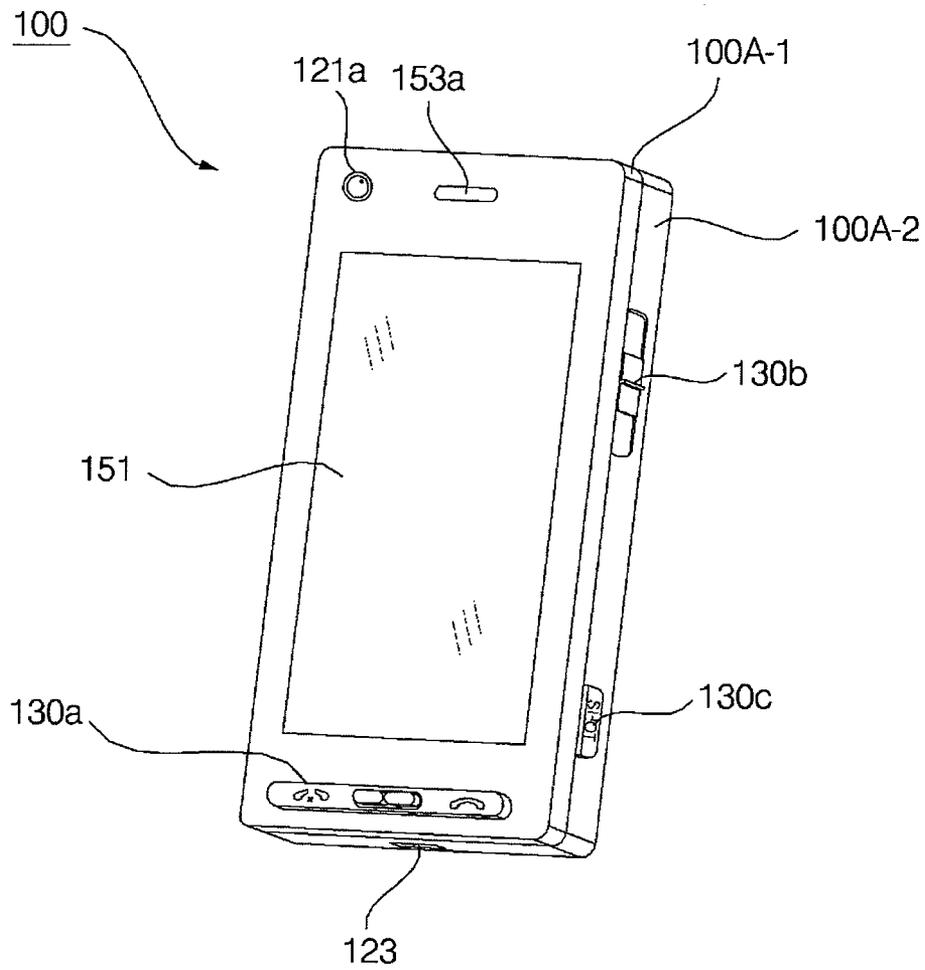


FIG. 3

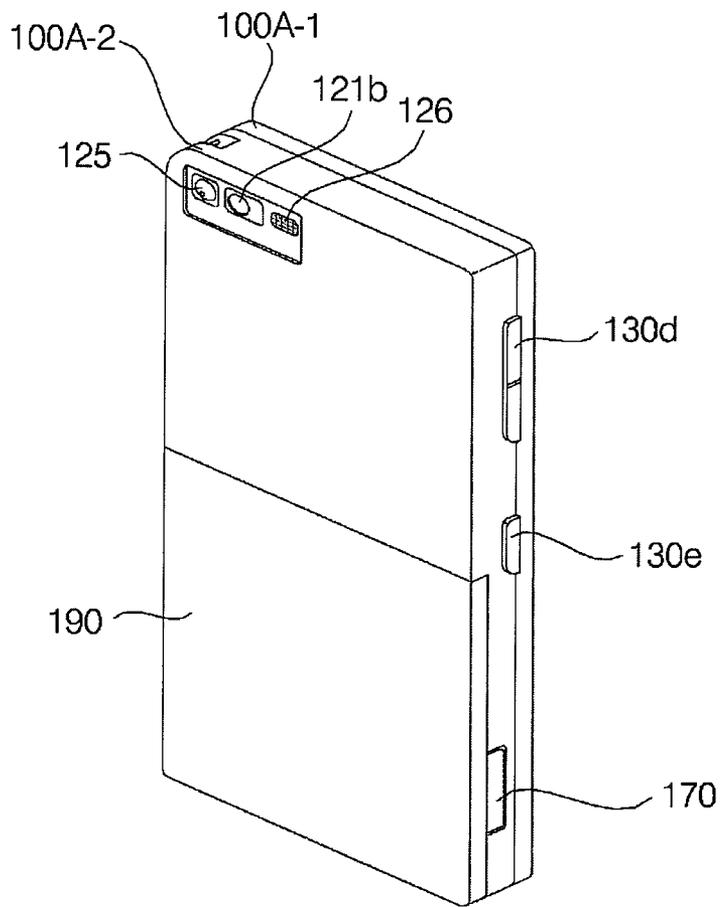


FIG. 4

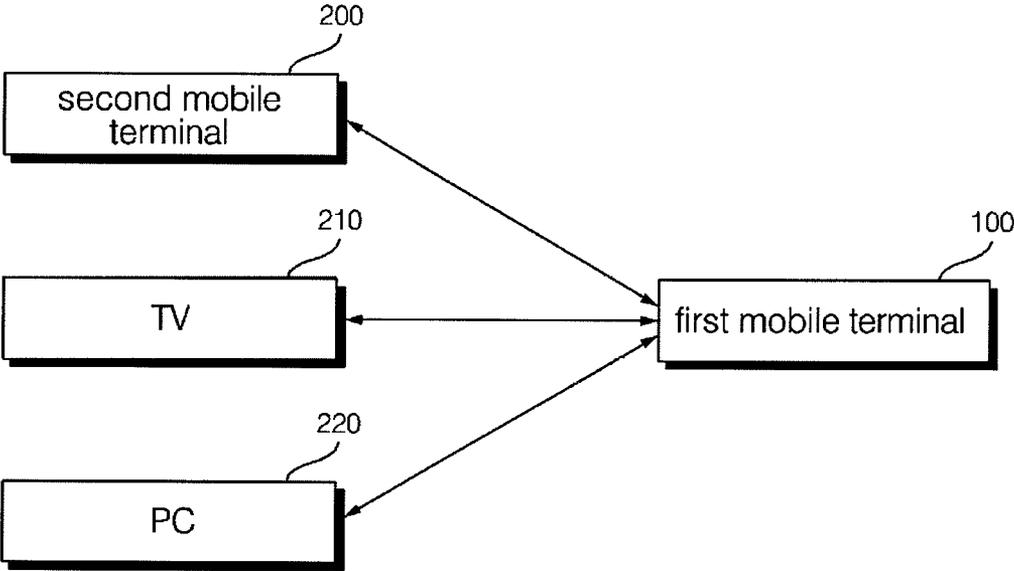


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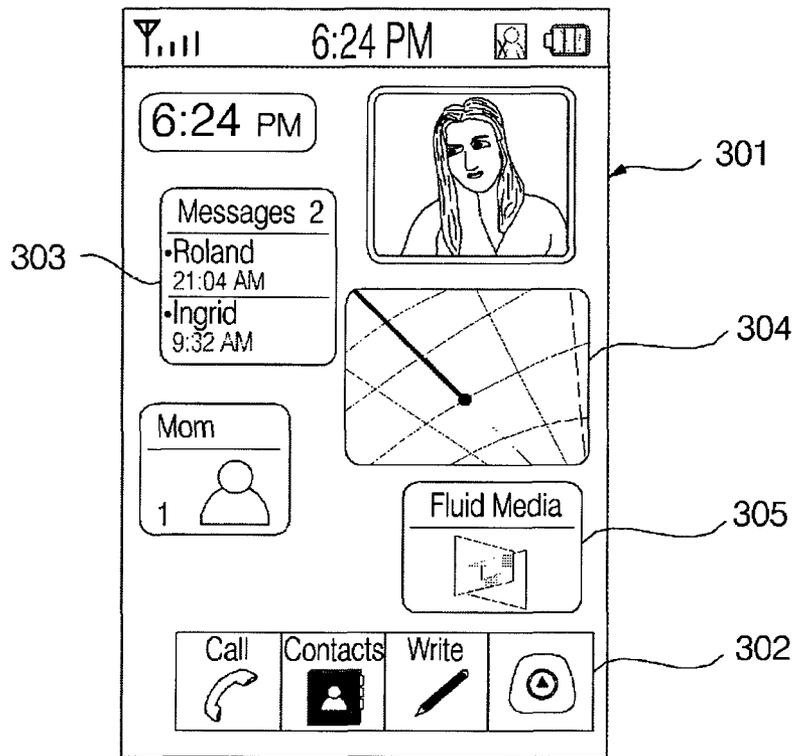


FIG. 6a

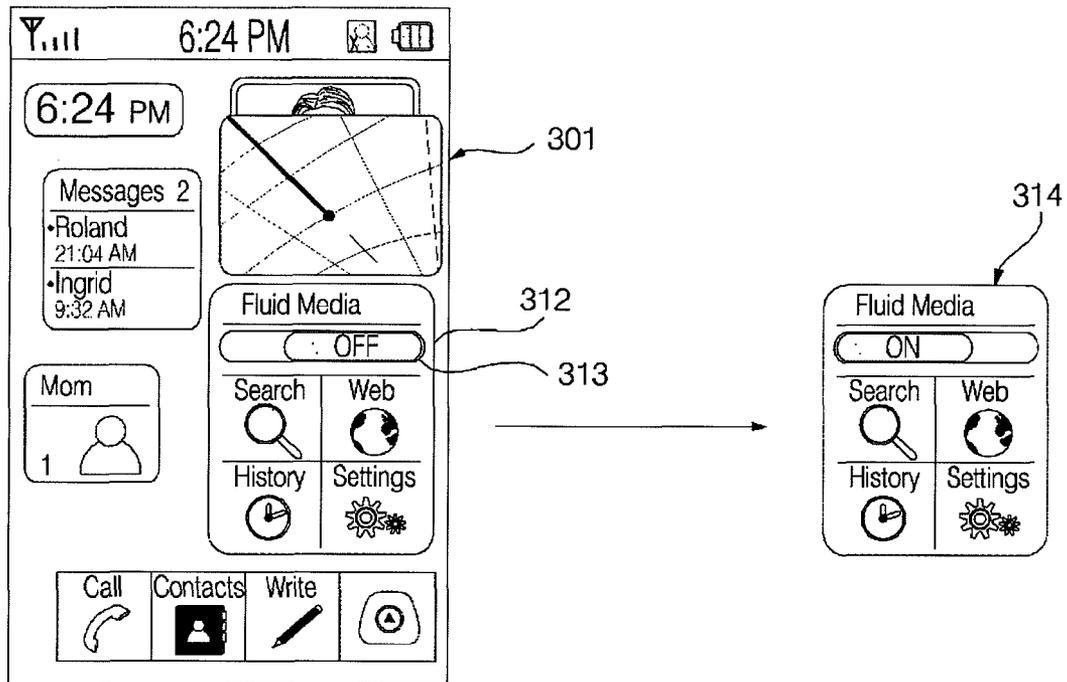


FIG. 6b

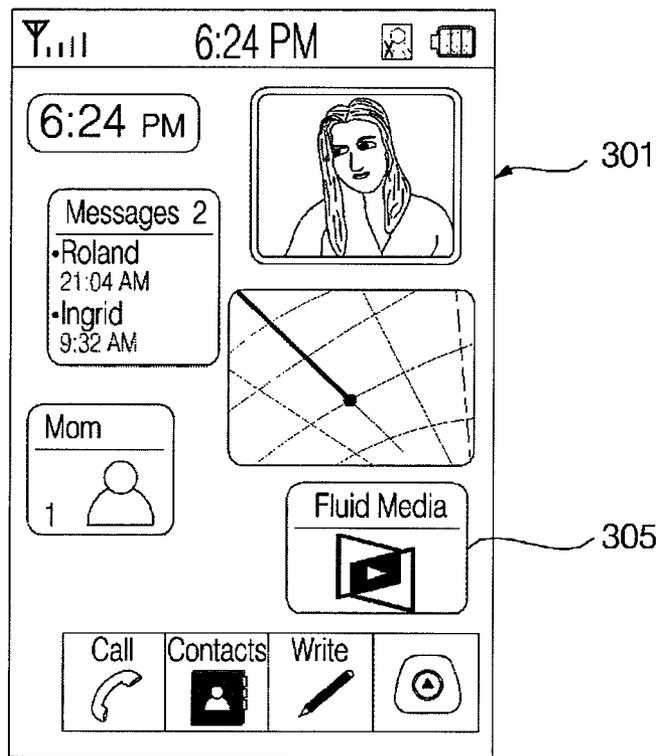


FIG. 7a

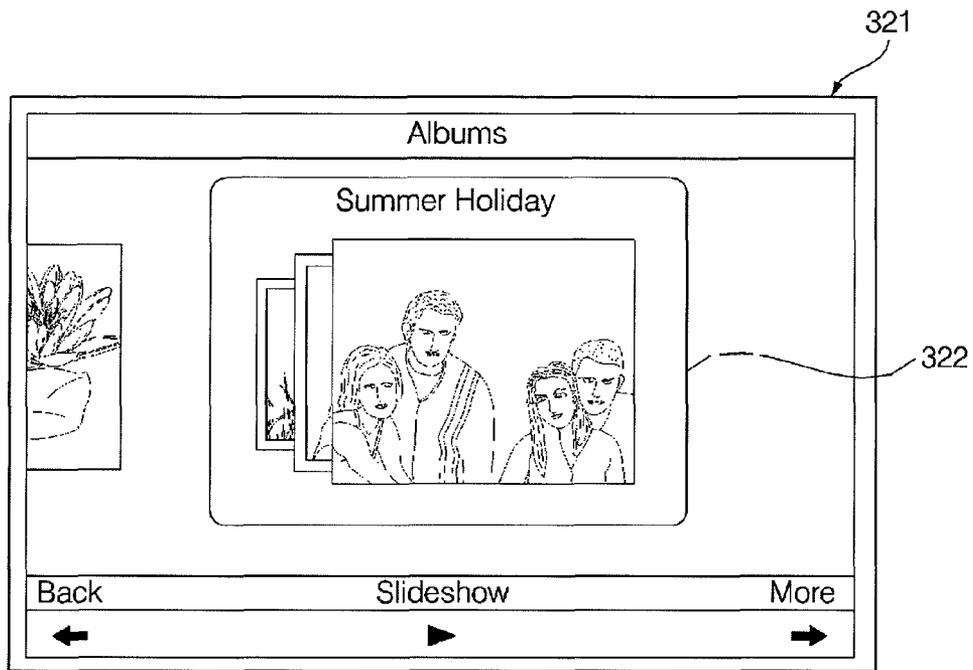


FIG. 7b

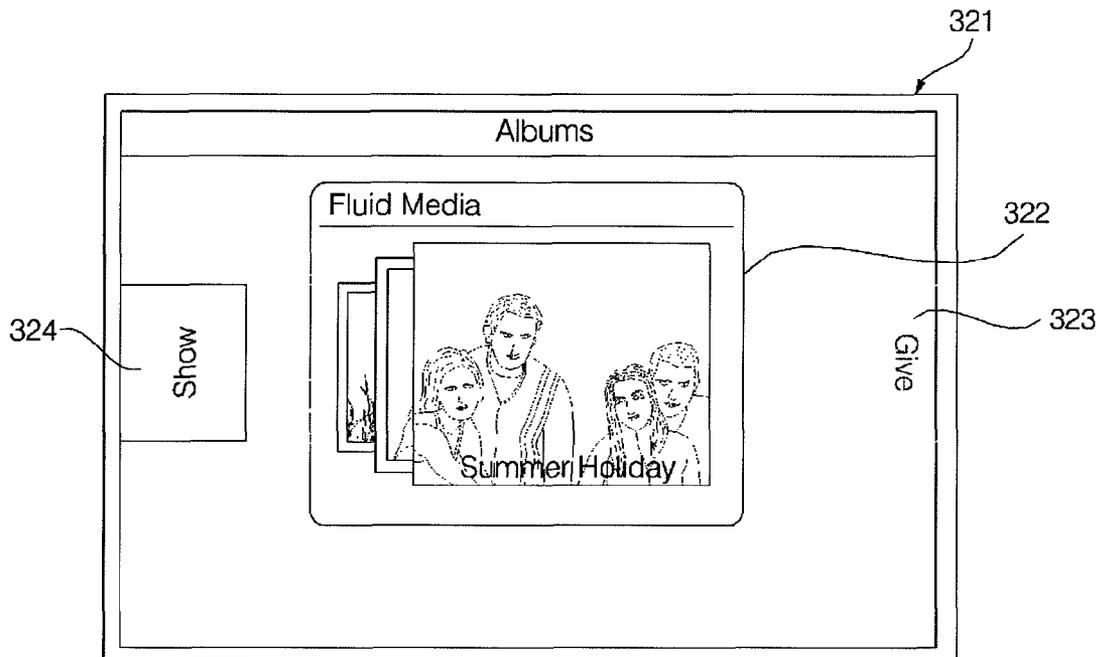


FIG. 7c

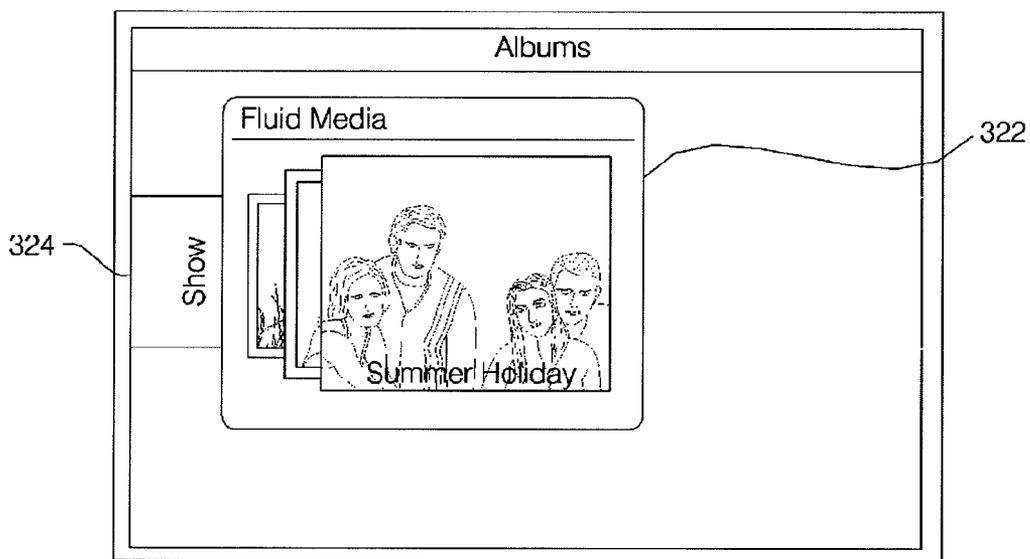


FIG. 8a

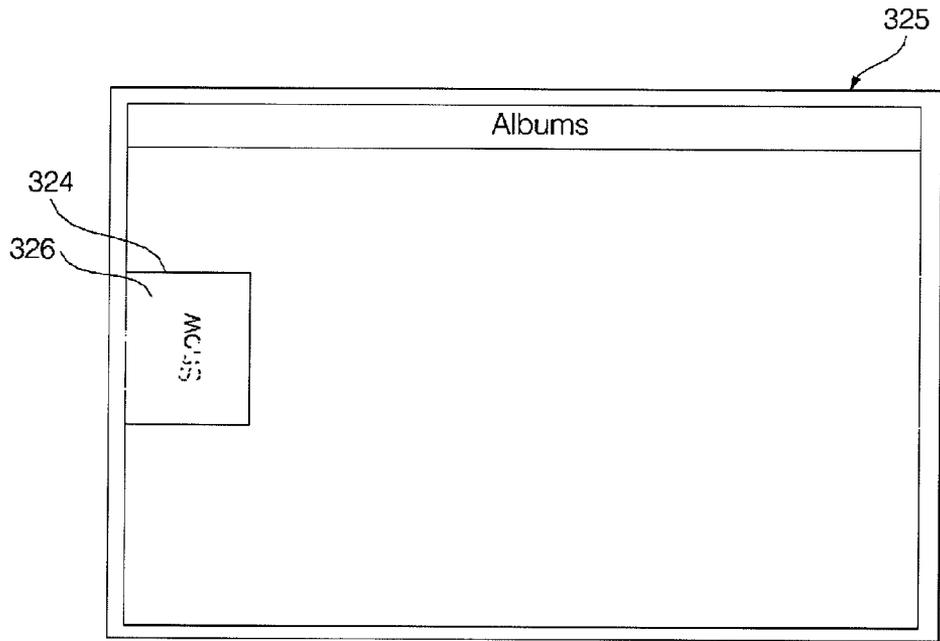


FIG. 8b



FIG. 9a

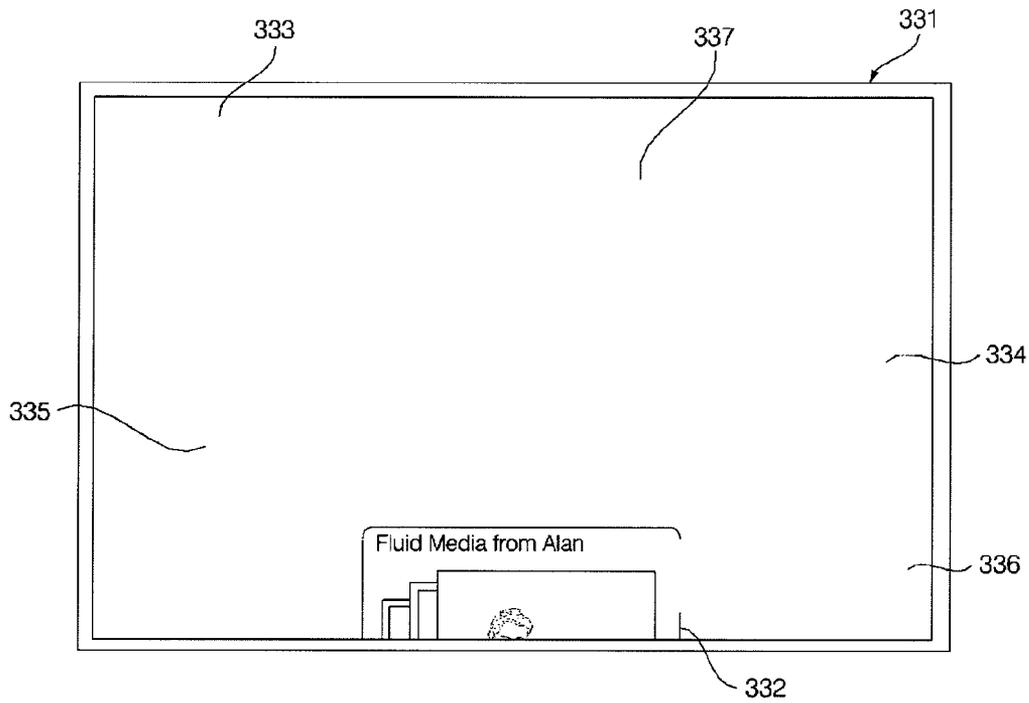


FIG. 9b

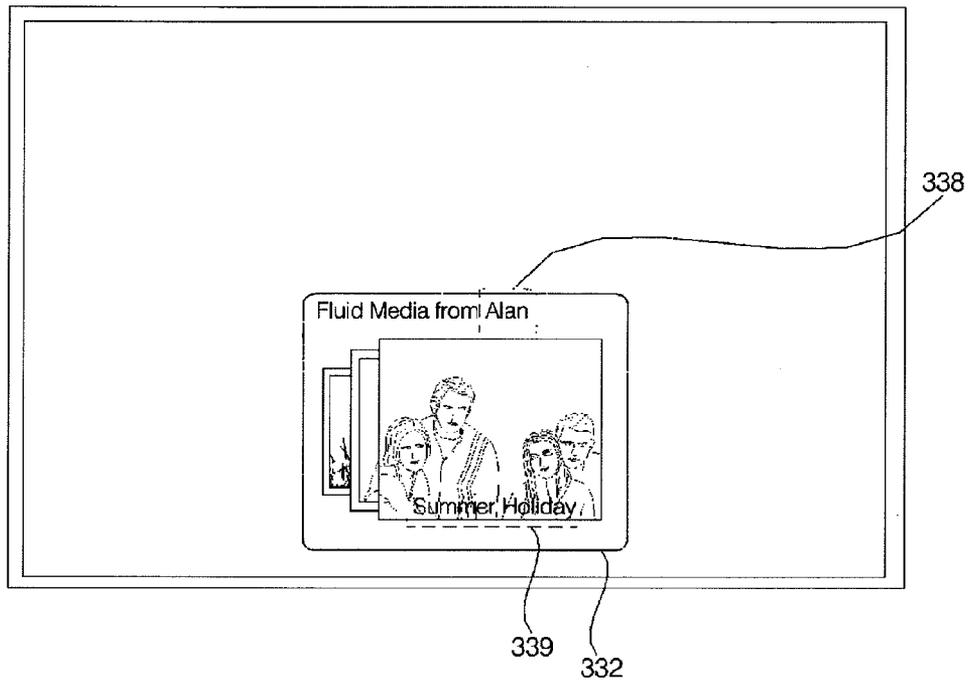


FIG. 9c



FIG. 10a

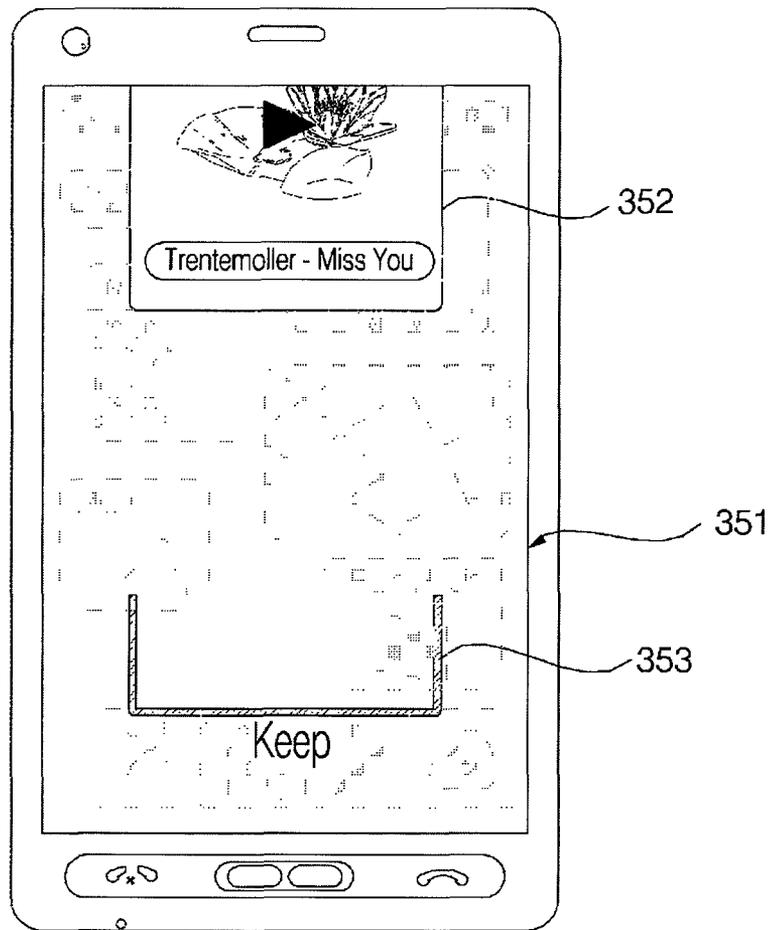


FIG. 10b

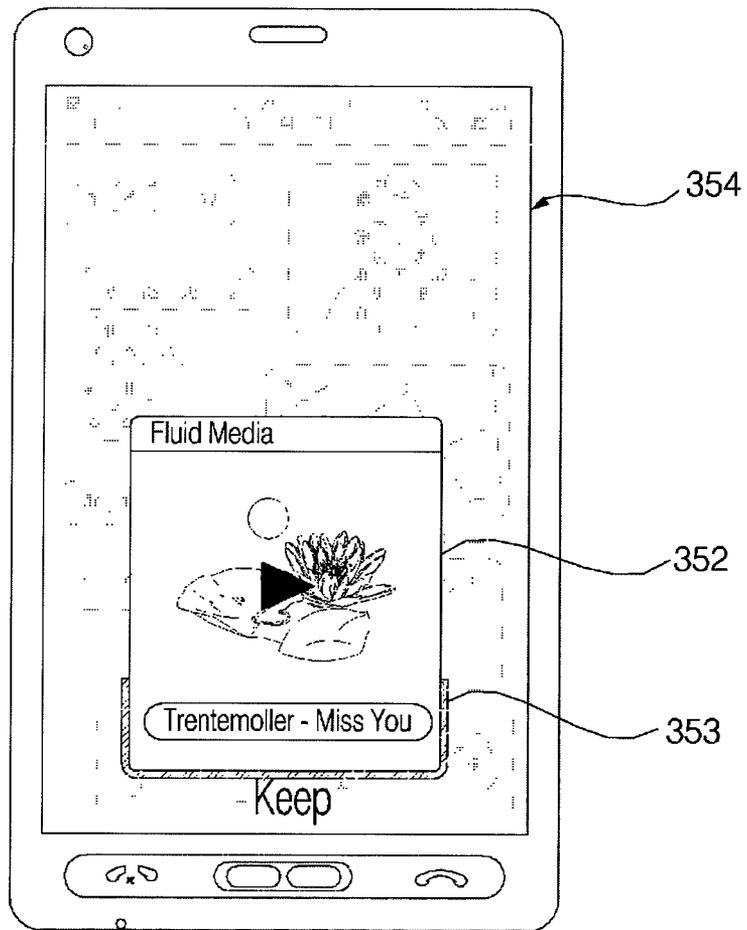
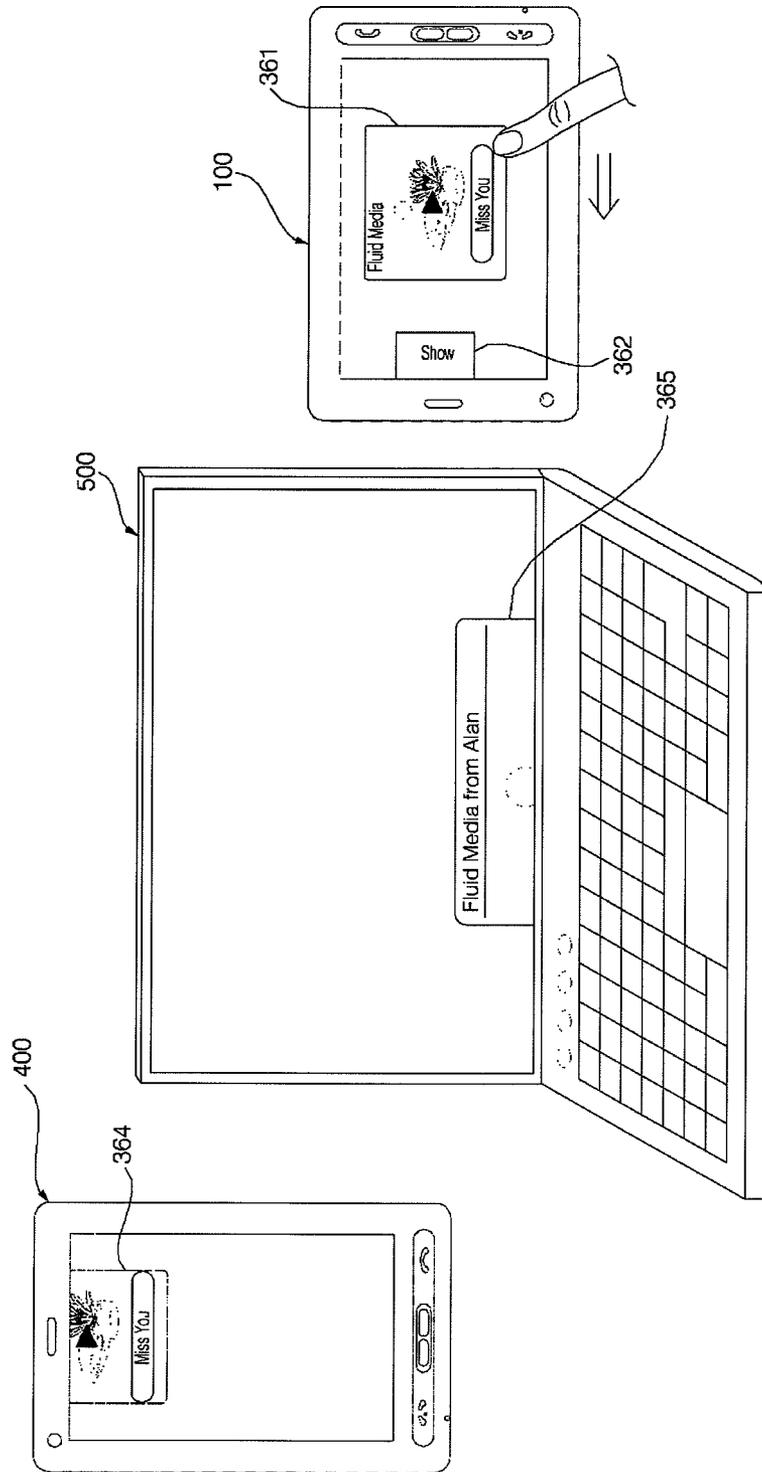


FIG. 11a



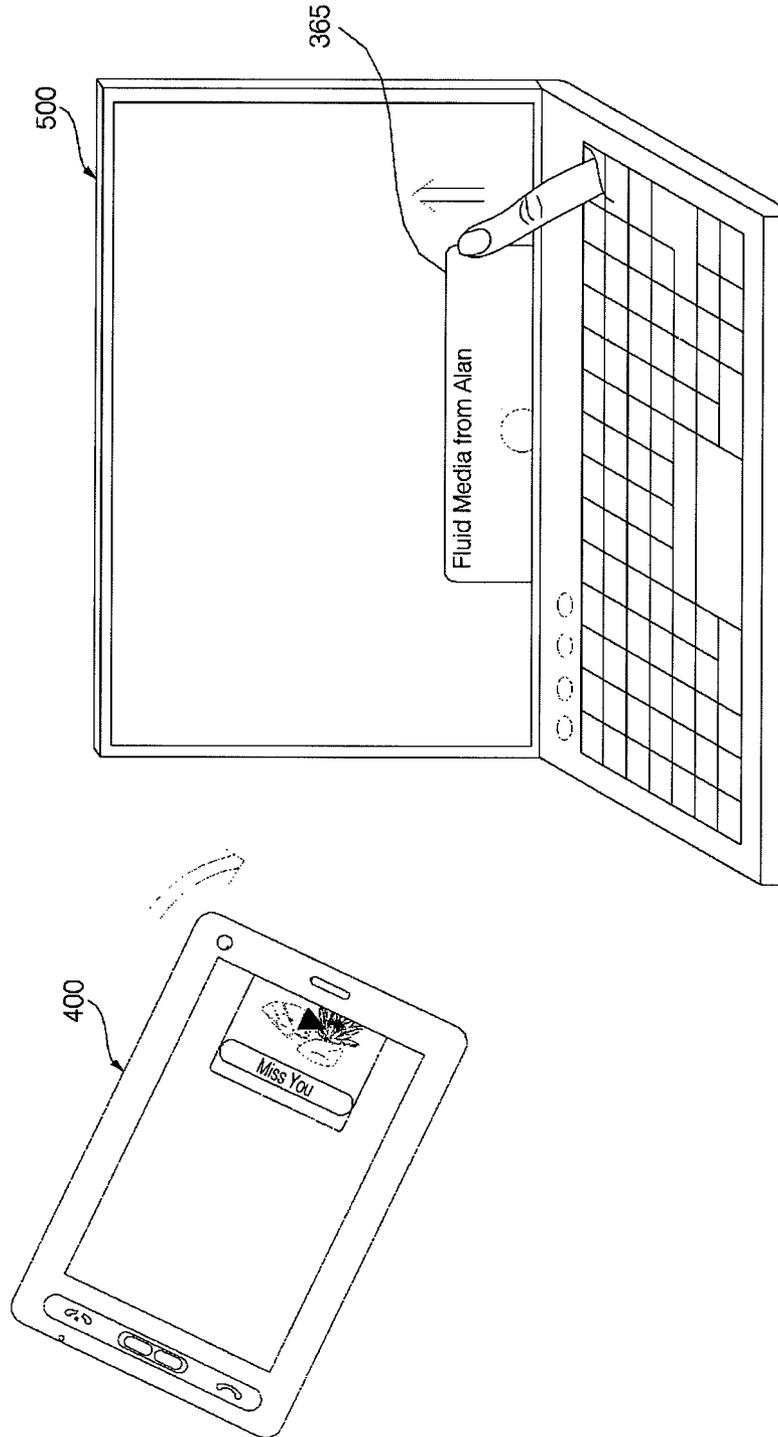


FIG. 12a

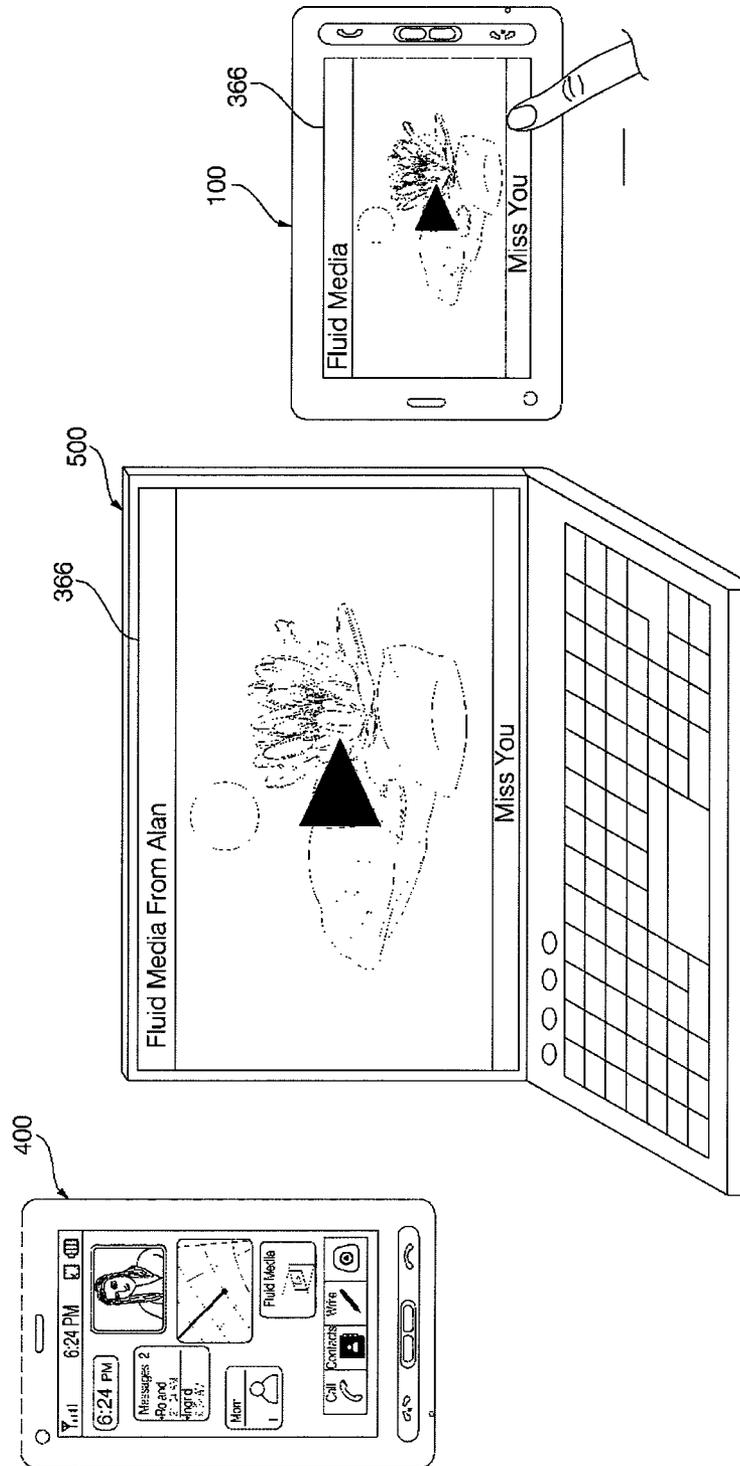


FIG. 12b

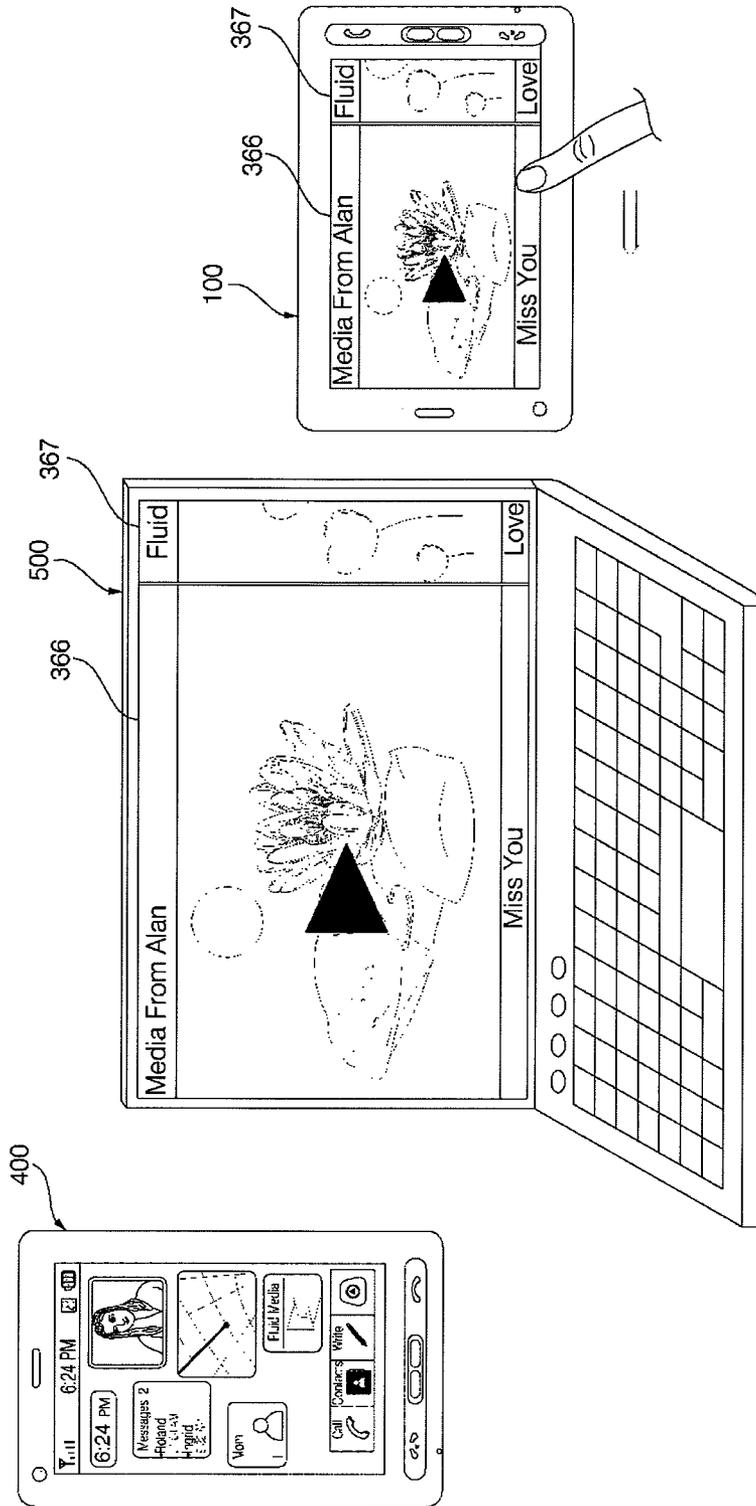


FIG. 13a

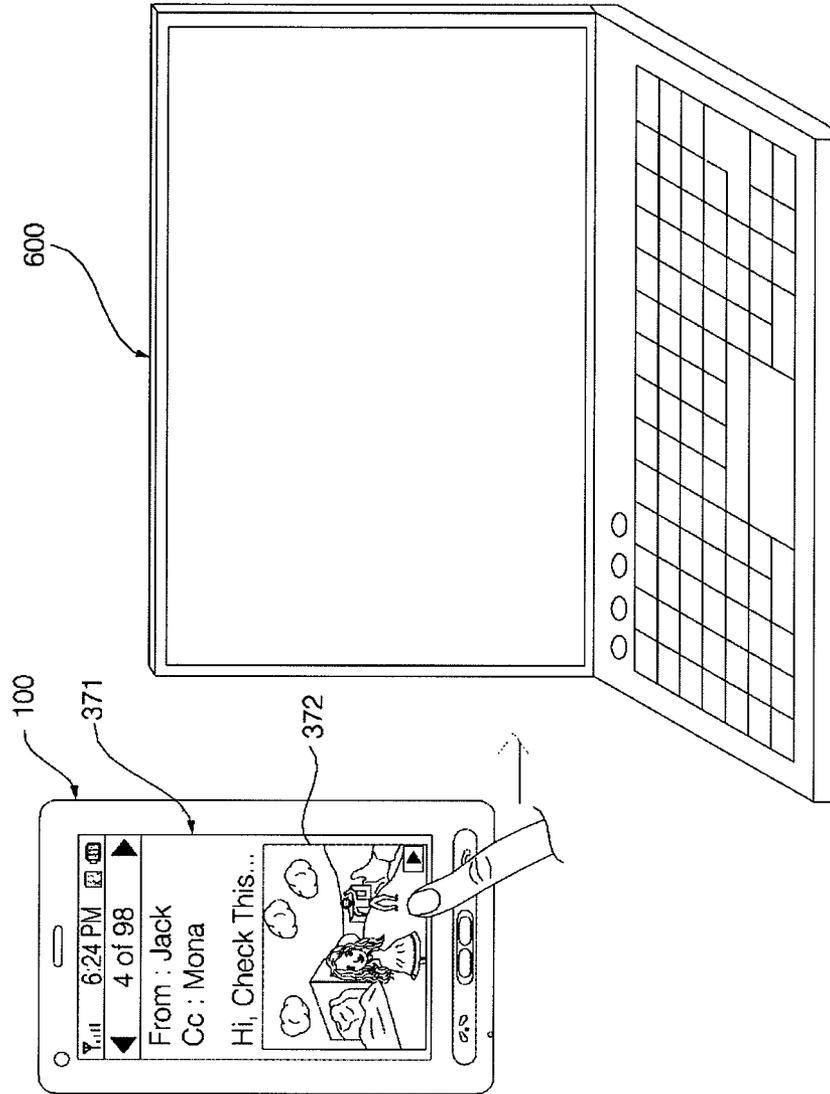


FIG. 13b

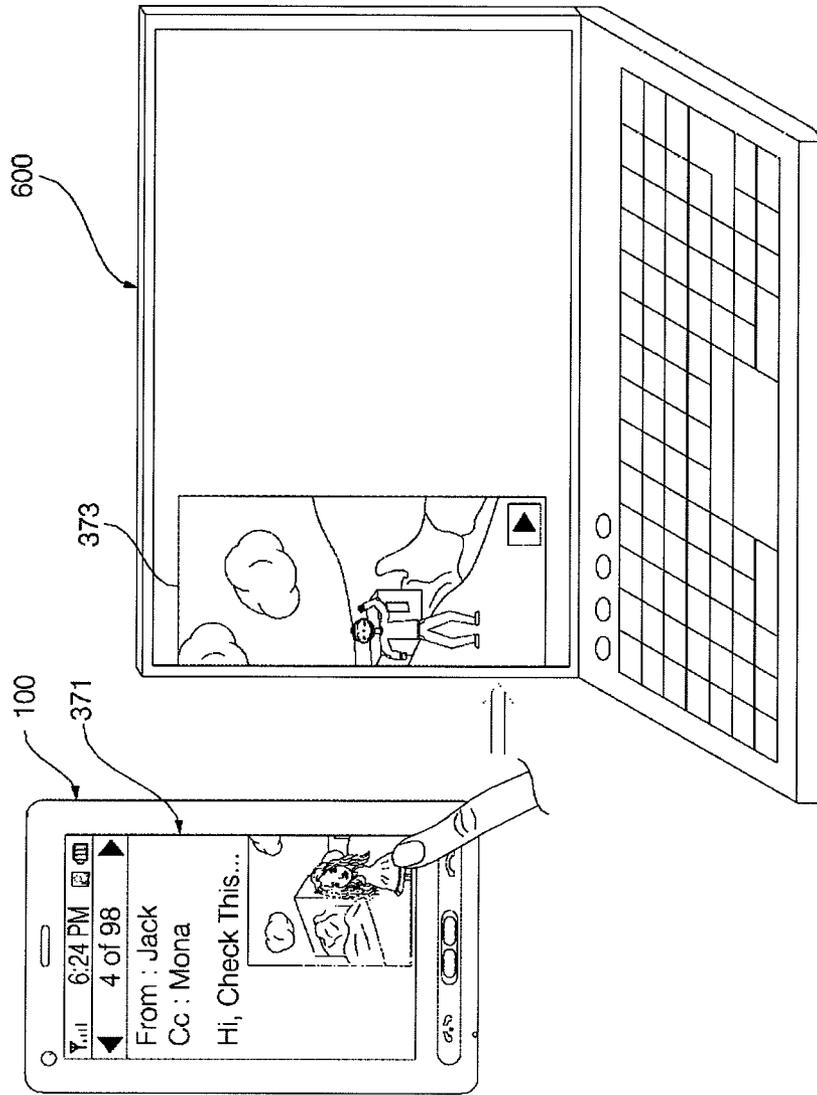


FIG. 14a

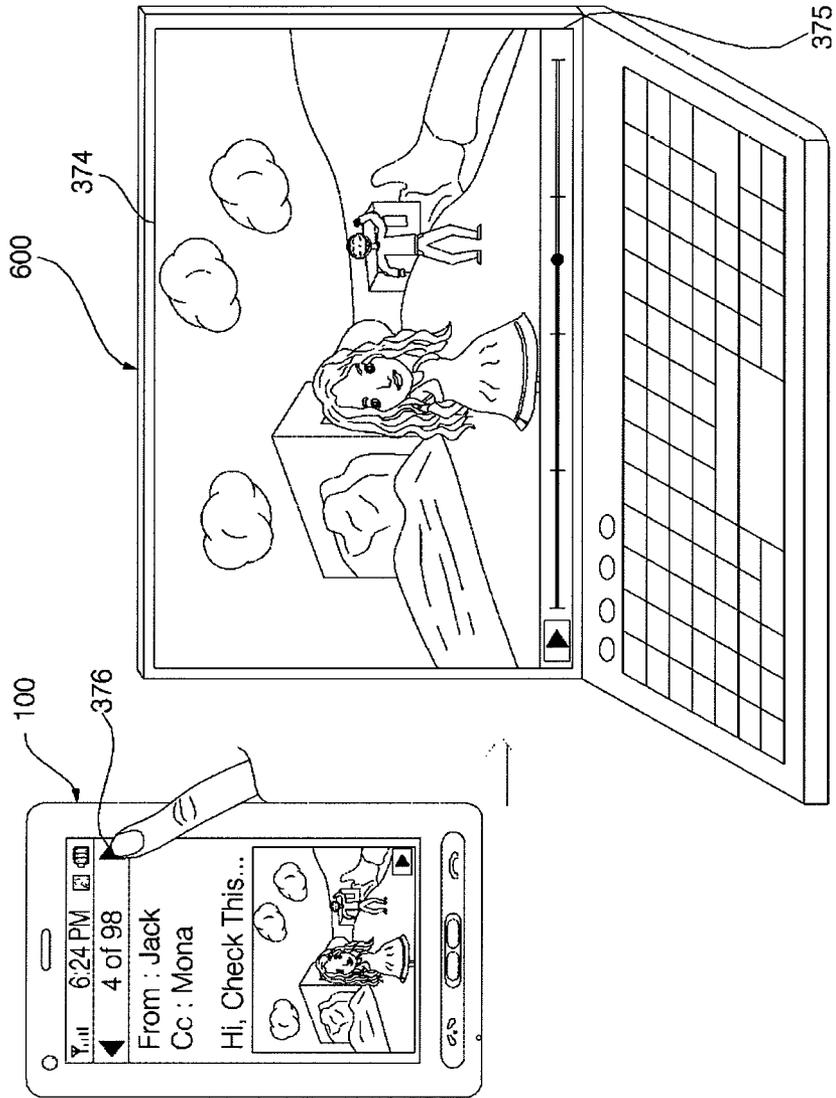
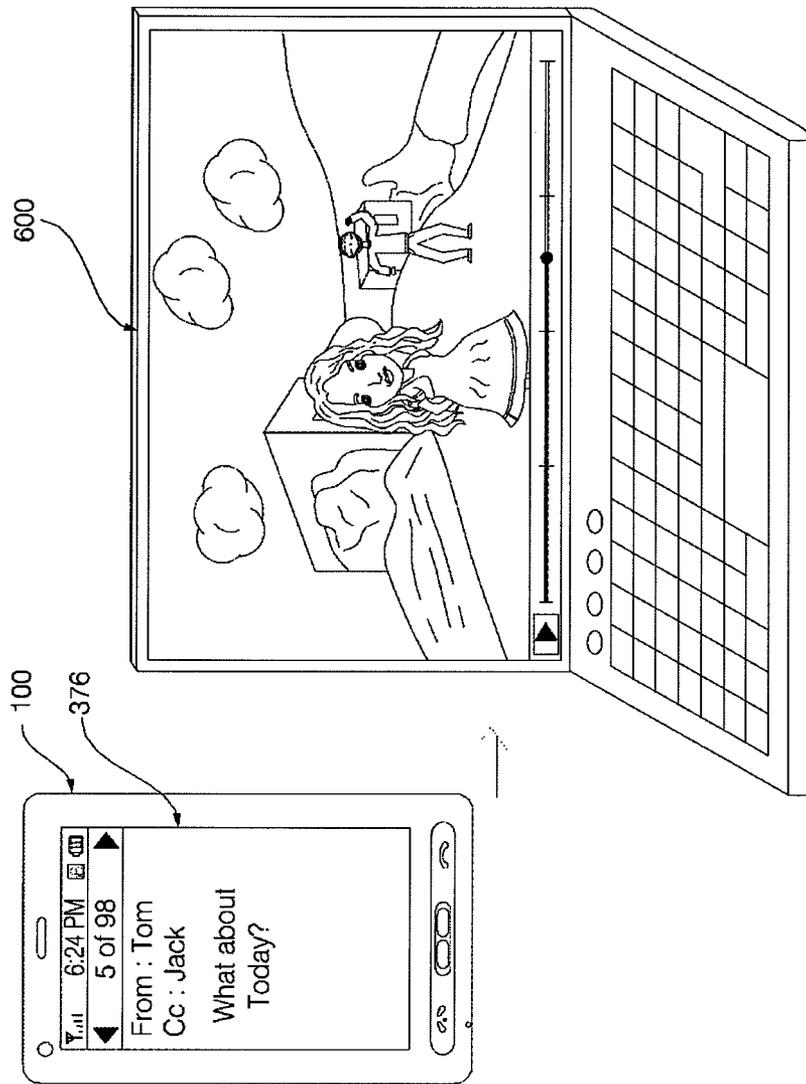


FIG. 14b



**MOBILE TERMINAL, MOBILE TERMINAL
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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of Korean Application No. 10-2010-0000525, filed Jan. 5, 2010 in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a mobile terminal, a mobile terminal system, and a method for controlling the operation of the same, and more particularly to a method for conveniently transmitting content in a mobile terminal system including mobile terminals and electronic devices.

2. Description of the Related Art

A mobile terminal is a portable device having a function to perform voice and video communication, a function to receive and output information, or a function to store data. As the functionality of the mobile terminal has been diversified, a mobile terminal having various complicated functions such as a function to capture still or moving images (i.e., photographs or videos), a function to reproduce music or video files, a game function, a function to receive broadcasts, and a wireless Internet function has been implemented as an all-in-one multimedia player.

Various novel attempts have been made in terms of hardware or software to achieve more complicated functions of the mobile terminal implemented as a multimedia player. One example is provision of a user interface environment allowing the user to easily and conveniently find and select a desired function. As the mobile terminal is now considered a personal belonging expressing the user's personality, there has been demand for various interface designs such as a double-sided Liquid Crystal Display (LCD), which can be viewed from both sides, or a touch screen.

Mobile terminals can be connected to each other through wired or wireless communication. Users can copy or move content between mobile terminals.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore, the present invention has been made in view of the above circumstances, and it is an object of the present invention to provide a mobile terminal, a mobile terminal system, and a method for controlling the operation of the same, which provide user interface environments enabling content to be transmitted between at least two mobile terminals.

In accordance with the present invention, the above and other objects can be accomplished by the provision of a method for controlling operation of a first mobile terminal, the method including entering, by the first mobile terminal, a content share mode, detecting, by the first mobile terminal, a second mobile terminal which is in the content share mode, specifying a content transmission format for transmitting content to the second mobile terminal based on the detection result, and transmitting the content to the second mobile terminal according to the specified content transmission format.

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for controlling operation of a first mobile terminal, the method including entering, by the first

mobile terminal, a content share mode, detecting, by the first mobile terminal, a second mobile terminal which is in the content share mode, transmitting, by the first mobile terminal, a content transmission grant signal and information regarding content, determining whether a command to receive the content has been received from the second mobile terminal, and transmitting the content to the second mobile terminal based on the determination result.

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for controlling operation of a first mobile terminal, the method including entering, by the first mobile terminal, a content share mode, receiving, by the first mobile terminal in the content share mode, information regarding content to be transmitted and a content transmission grant request signal from a second mobile terminal that is in the content share mode, displaying on the first mobile terminal the received information regarding the content, determining whether a command to receive the content has been transmitted to the second mobile terminal, and receiving the content from the second mobile terminal.

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a first mobile terminal including a wireless communication unit configured to transmit and to receive signals to and from a second mobile terminal, and a controller configured to, when the first mobile terminal has entered a content share mode, detect the second mobile terminal which is capable of transmitting and receiving signals through the wireless command unit and which is in the content share mode, to specify a content transmission format for transmitting content to the second mobile terminal, and to control the wireless communication unit to transmit the content to the second mobile terminal according to the specified format.

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a first mobile terminal including a wireless communication unit configured to transmit and to receive signals to and from a second mobile terminal, and a controller configured to, when the first mobile terminal has entered a content share mode, detect the second mobile terminal which is capable of transmitting and receiving signals through the wireless command unit and which is in the content share mode, to transmit information regarding content, which is to be transmitted and displayed on the second mobile terminal, to determine whether a command to receive the content has been received from the second mobile terminal, and to control the wireless communication unit to transmit the content to the second mobile terminal.

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a first mobile terminal including a wireless communication unit configured to transmit and to receive signals to and from a third mobile terminal, and a controller configured to, when the first mobile terminal has entered a content share mode, detect a second mobile terminal which is capable of transmitting and receiving signals through the wireless command unit and which is in the content share mode, to receive information regarding content to be transmitted by the third mobile terminal, to display the received information regarding the content, to determine whether a command to receive the content has been transmitted to the second mobile terminal, and to control the wireless communication unit to receive the content transmitted by the second mobile terminal.

According to the present invention, it is possible to conveniently transmit content between mobile terminals that are in a share mode. Before receiving content from a first mobile terminal, a second mobile terminal can display a thumbnail corresponding to the content. The user of the second mobile terminal can check the content that will be received using the

thumbnail corresponding to the content. The first and second mobile terminals can provide user interface environments that can intuitively indicate content transmission states. Thus, users can conveniently manage content transmission between at least two mobile terminals.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above and other objects, features and other advantages of the present invention will be more clearly understood from the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a mobile terminal according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a front perspective view of a mobile terminal according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a rear perspective view of a mobile terminal according to an embodiment of the present invention; and

FIGS. 4 to 14b are drawings used to explain a method for controlling the operation of a mobile terminal according to embodiments of the present invention in conjunction with screens displayed on a display unit.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The embodiments of the present invention will now be described in more detail with reference to the drawings.

A mobile terminal as described in this specification includes a mobile phone, a smart phone, a laptop, a digital broadcast terminal, a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), a Portable Multimedia Player (PMP), a navigation device, or the like.

The word "module" or "unit", which is added to the end of terms describing components, is merely used for ease of explanation of the present invention and has no specific meaning or function to the components. Thus, the words "module" and "unit" may also be used interchangeably.

<Description of FIG. 1>

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a mobile terminal according to an embodiment of the present invention. The mobile terminal according to the embodiment of the present invention is described below with reference to FIG. 1, from the viewpoint of functional components thereof.

As shown in FIG. 1, the mobile terminal 100 may include a wireless communication unit 110, an Audio/Video (AV) input unit 120, a user input unit 130, a sensing unit 140, an output unit 150, a memory 160, an interface unit 170, a controller 180, and a power supply unit 190. In actual applications, two or more of these components may be combined into one component or one component may be divided into two or more components as needed. For example, the A/V input unit 120 or the sensing unit 140 may be incorporated into the user input unit 130.

The wireless communication unit 110 may include a broadcast receiving module 111, a mobile communication module 113, a wireless Internet module 115, a local area communication module 117, and a Global Positioning System (GPS) module 119.

The broadcast receiving module 111 receives at least one of a broadcast signal and broadcast-related information from an external broadcast management server through a broadcast channel. The broadcast channel may include a satellite channel, a terrestrial channel, or the like. The broadcast management server may be a server that generates and transmits at least one of a broadcast signal and broadcast-related information or a server that receives and transmits at least one of a

broadcast signal and broadcast-related information, which have been previously generated, to a terminal.

The broadcast-related information may be information relating to a broadcast channel, a broadcast program, or a broadcast service provider. The broadcast signal may not only include a TV broadcast signal, a radio broadcast signal, or a data broadcast signal but may also include a broadcast signal generated by incorporating a data broadcast signal into a TV or radio broadcast signal. The broadcast-related information may also be provided through a mobile communication network. In this case, the broadcast-related information may be received by the mobile communication module 113. The broadcast-related information may be provided in various forms. For example, the broadcast-related information may be provided in the form of a Digital Multimedia Broadcasting (DMB) Electronic Program Guide (EPG) or a Digital Video Broadcast-Handheld (DVB-H) Electronic Service Guide (ESG).

The broadcast receiving module 111 receives a broadcast signal using a variety of broadcast systems. Specifically, the broadcast receiving module 111 may receive a digital broadcast signal using a digital broadcast system such as a Digital Multimedia Broadcasting-Terrestrial (DMB-T), Digital Multimedia Broadcasting-Satellite (DMB-S), Media Forward Link Only (MediaFLO), Digital Video Broadcast-Handheld (DVB-H), or Integrated Services Digital Broadcast-Terrestrial (ISDB-T) system. The broadcast receiving module 111 may be configured to be suitable not only for such a digital broadcast system but also for any other broadcast system that provides a broadcast signal. A broadcast signal and/or broadcast-related information received through the broadcast receiving module 111 may be stored in the memory 160.

The mobile communication module 113 transmits and receives a wireless signal to and from at least one of a base station, an external terminal, and a server over a mobile communication network. The wireless signal may include a voice call signal, a video call signal, or various types of data associated with transmission and reception of a text/multimedia message.

The wireless Internet module 115 is an internal or external module for wireless Internet access which may be provided to the mobile terminal 100. The wireless Internet module 115 may use a wireless Internet technology such as Wireless LAN (WLAN) (Wi-Fi), Wireless Broadband (WiBro), World Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMAX), or High Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA).

The local area communication module 117 is a module for local area communication. Here, Bluetooth, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), Infrared Data Association (IrDA), Ultra Wideband (UWB), or ZigBee may be used as a local area communication technology. The GPS module 119 receives location information from multiple GPS satellites.

The A/V input unit 120 is provided to input an audio or video signal and may include a camera 121 and a microphone 123. The camera 121 processes an image frame such as a still image (or photograph) or a moving image (or video) obtained through an image sensor in a video communication mode or an image capture mode. The processed picture frame may be displayed on the display unit 151.

The picture frame processed at the camera 121 may be stored in the memory 160 or may be transmitted to the outside through the wireless communication unit 110. Two more cameras 121 may be provided depending on the configuration of the mobile terminal.

The microphone 123 receives an external audio signal in a voice or video communication mode, a record mode, or a voice recognition mode and processes the same into audio

data. In the voice or video communication mode, the processed audio data may be converted into a form transmittable to a mobile communication base station through the mobile communication module 113. A variety of noise removal algorithms may be used to remove noise generated in the course of receiving an external audio signal through the microphone 123.

The user input unit 130 generates key input data corresponding to a key input operation that a user has performed to control the operation of the terminal. The user input unit 130 may include a key pad, a dome switch, a (resistive/capacitive) touchpad, a jog wheel, a jog switch, a finger mouse, or the like. In the case where the touchpad forms a multilayer structure with the display unit 151 that is described later, the touchpad may be referred to as a "touch screen".

The sensing unit 140 detects a current state of the mobile terminal 100 such as whether the mobile terminal 100 is opened or closed, the position of the mobile terminal 100, or whether or not the user is in contact with the mobile terminal 100 and generates a sensing signal for controlling the operation of the mobile terminal 100. The sensing unit 140 may sense whether the mobile terminal 100 is opened or closed when the mobile terminal 100 is a slide phone. The sensing unit 140 may also be responsible for sensing functions associated with whether or not the power supply unit 190 is supplying power or whether or not the interface unit 170 is coupled to an external device.

The sensing unit 140 may include a proximity sensor 141, a pressure sensor 143, and a motion sensor 145. The proximity sensor 141 can detect presence or absence of an object that is approaching or near to the mobile terminal 100 without physical contact. The proximity sensor 141 can detect a close object using change of AC magnetic fields or change of magnetostatic fields or using the rate of change of capacitance. Two or more proximity sensors 141 may be provided depending on the configuration of the mobile terminal.

The pressure sensor 143 can detect both whether or not pressure has been applied to the mobile terminal 100 and the magnitude of the pressure. The pressure sensor 143 may be mounted on the mobile terminal 100 at a portion thereof where there is a need to detect pressure depending on the use environment of the mobile terminal 100. When the pressure sensor 143 is mounted on the display unit 151, the pressure sensor 143 can discriminate between a normal touch input through the display unit 151 and a pressure touch input which applies greater pressure than that of the normal touch input according to a signal output from the pressure sensor 143 to the display unit 151. When pressure has been applied to the display unit 151 through a pressure input touch, the pressure sensor 143 can also determine the magnitude of the pressure applied to the display unit 151 according to the signal output from the pressure sensor 143.

The motion sensor 145 detects the position or movement of the mobile terminal 100 using an acceleration sensor, a gyro sensor, and the like. The acceleration sensor that may be used for the motion sensor 145 is an element which converts acceleration in one direction into an electrical signal and has been widely used along with the development of micro-electromechanical system (MEMS) technologies. There are various types of acceleration sensors including an acceleration sensor for measuring large values of acceleration, which is embedded in an airbag system of a vehicle to detect collision, and an acceleration sensor for measuring small values of acceleration, which recognizes minute movement of a human hand and thus is used as an input means for games or the like. The acceleration sensor is generally constructed by incorporating two or three-axis elements into one package and may need

only the z-axis element depending on the use environment. Thus, when there is a need to use an x-axis or y-axis acceleration sensor instead of the z-axis sensor for some reason, the acceleration sensor may be incorporated into a sub-board which is mounted at right angles to a main board.

The gyro sensor is a sensor for measuring angular velocity and can detect the current direction rotated relative to a reference direction.

The output unit 150 is provided to output an audio or video signal or an alarm signal and may include a display unit 151, an audio output module 153, an alarm unit 155, and a vibrating module 157.

The display unit 151 displays information processed in the mobile terminal 100. For example, when the mobile terminal 100 is in a voice or video communication mode, the display unit 151 displays a communication-related User Interface (UI) or Graphical User Interface (GUI). When the mobile terminal 100 is in a video communication mode or an image capture mode, the display unit 151 may individually or simultaneously display captured or received images and may display a corresponding UI or GUI.

In the case where the display unit 151 forms a multilayer structure with the touchpad to construct a touch screen as described above, the display unit 151 may not only be used as an output device but may also be used as an input device. In the case where the display unit 151 constructs a touch screen, the display unit 151 may include a touch screen panel, a touch screen panel controller, or the like. The touch screen panel is a transparent panel externally attached to the mobile terminal 100 and may be connected to an internal bus of the mobile terminal 100. The touch screen panel monitors touches and sends, upon detecting a touch input, corresponding signals to the touch screen panel controller. The touch screen panel controller processes the signals and transmits the resulting data to the controller 180 and the controller 180 then determines whether or not a touch input has occurred and which region of the touch screen has been touched.

The display unit 151 may include electronic paper (e-Paper). The e-Paper is a type of reflective display and has excellent visual characteristics such as high resolution, a wide viewing angle, and a bright white background, similar to conventional paper and ink. The e-Paper may be formed on any substrate such as plastic, metal, or paper and maintains a displayed image after power is turned off and can lengthen battery lifetime of the mobile terminal 100 since it does not require a backlight. The e-Paper may be formed using an electrostatically charged hemispherical twist ball or may be formed using electrophoresis or microcapsules.

The display unit 151 may include at least one of a liquid crystal display, a thin film transistor-liquid crystal display, an organic light-emitting diode, a flexible display, a transparent display, and a 3D display. Two or more display units 151 may be provided depending on the implementation of the mobile terminal 100. For example, both an external display unit (not shown) and an internal display unit (not shown) may be provided to the mobile terminal 100.

The audio output module 153 outputs audio data received from the wireless communication unit 110 or stored in the memory 160 when the mobile terminal 100 is in an incoming call receiving mode (i.e., a ringing mode), a voice or video communication mode, a record mode, a voice recognition mode, or a broadcast receiving mode. The audio output module 153 outputs audio signals associated with functions performed by the mobile terminal 100, for example, an audio signal associated with an incoming call sound (i.e., ringtone) or a message receipt sound. The audio output module 153 may include a speaker, a buzzer, or the like.

The alarm unit **155** outputs a signal notifying the user that an event has occurred in the mobile terminal **100**. Examples of the event occurring in the mobile terminal **100** include incoming call reception, message reception, and key signal input. The alarm unit **155** outputs a signal notifying the user of the occurrence of an event in a different form from the audio or video signal. For example, the alarm unit **155** may output the notification signal through vibration. When an incoming call signal is received or when a message is received, the alarm unit **155** may output a signal indicating the reception of the incoming call signal or the message. When a key signal is input, the alarm unit **155** may output a signal as a feedback to the key signal input. The user can perceive the event occurrence through the signal output from the alarm unit **155**. Of course, the signal indicating the event occurrence may also be output through the display unit **151** or the audio output module **153**.

The haptic module **157** generates a variety of tactile effects that are sensible by the user. A typical example of the tactile effect generated by the haptic module **157** is vibration. In the case where the haptic module **157** generates vibration as a tactile effect, the haptic module **157** may change the intensity and pattern of generated vibration, may combine different vibrations and output the combined vibration, and may also sequentially output different vibrations.

In addition to vibration, the haptic module **157** may generate various tactile effects such as a stimulus effect by an arrangement of pins that move perpendicular to the touched skin surface, a stimulus effect by air blowing or suction through an air outlet or inlet, a stimulus effect through brushing of the skin surface, a stimulus effect through contact with an electrode, a stimulus effect using electrostatic force, and a stimulus effect through reproduction of thermal (cool/warm) sensation using an endothermic or exothermic element. The haptic module **157** may be implemented so as to allow the user to perceive such effects not only through direct tactile sensation but also through kinesthetic sensation of fingers, hands, or the like of the user. Two or more vibration modules **157** may be provided depending on the mode of implementation of the mobile terminal **100**.

The memory **160** may store a program for processing and control by the controller **180** and may function to temporarily store input or output data items (for example, a phonebook, messages, still images, and moving images).

The memory **160** may include a storage medium of at least one of a variety of types including a flash memory type, a hard disk type, a multimedia card micro type, a card memory type (for example, SD or XD memory), RAM, and ROM. The mobile terminal **100** may utilize cloud storage that performs a storage function of the memory **160** over the Internet.

The interface unit **170** functions to interface with all external devices connected to the mobile terminal **100**. Examples of the external devices connected to the mobile terminal **100** include a wired/wireless headset, an external battery charger, a wired/wireless data port, a memory card, a card socket such as an SIM/UIM card socket, an audio Input/Output (**110**) terminal, a video I/O terminal, and an earphone. The interface unit **170** may receive power or data from such an external device and provide the same to each internal component of the mobile terminal **100** and may transmit internal data of the mobile terminal **100** to the external device.

When the mobile terminal **100** is connected to an external cradle, the interface unit **170** may be used as a channel through which the connected cradle supplies power to the mobile terminal **100** or a channel through which a variety of command signals input to the cradle by the user are transferred to the mobile terminal **100**.

The controller **180** generally controls the operation of each component to control the overall operation of the mobile terminal **100**. For example, the controller **180** performs control and processing associated with voice communication, data communication, video communication, and the like. The controller **180** may include a multimedia playback module **181** for multimedia reproduction. The multimedia playback module **181** may be implemented by hardware in the controller **180** or may be implemented by software separately from the controller **180**.

Under control of the controller **180**, the power supply unit **190** receives external power or internal power and supplies power required for operation to each component.

The mobile terminal **100** may be constructed to be operable in any of a variety of communication systems including a wired/wireless communication system and a satellite-based communication system in which data can be transmitted through frames or packets.

<Description of FIGS. 2 and 3>

FIG. 2 is a front perspective view of a mobile terminal according to an embodiment of the present invention. As shown in FIG. 2, a case defining the external appearance of the mobile terminal **100** includes a front case **100A-1** and a rear case **100A-2**. A variety of electronic parts are provided in a space defined within the front and rear cases **100A-1** and **100A-2**. At least one intermediate case may be additionally provided between the front case **100A-1** and the rear case **100A-2**. These cases may be formed through synthetic resin injection molding may be formed of a metal material such as stainless steel (STS) or titanium (Ti).

A display unit **151**, a first audio output module **153a**, a first camera **121a**, and a first user input unit **130a** may be arranged in a main body of the mobile terminal **100**, specifically, in the front case **100A-1**. A second user input unit **130b**, a third user input unit **130c**, and a microphone **123** may be arranged on a side surface of the rear case **100A-2**.

The display unit **151** includes a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD), Organic Light Emitting Diodes (OLED), or the like to visually express information. A touchpad may be formed in a layered structure overlapping the display unit **151** such that the display unit **151** operates as a touch screen allowing the user to input information through touching.

The first audio output module **153a** may be implemented in a receiver or speaker form. The first camera **121a** may be implemented to be suitable for capturing a still or moving image of the user or the like. The microphone **123** may be implemented in a form suitable for receiving sound such as user voice.

The first to third user input units **130a**, **130b**, and **130c** may be collectively referred to as a user input unit **130**. The user input unit **130** may be of any type, provided that the user input unit **130** is operated in a tactile manner such that it is operated through tactile interaction with the user.

For example, the user input unit **130** may be implemented as a dome switch or a touchpad that can receive a command or information through a push or touch operation by the user. The user input unit **130** may also be implemented as a jog wheel or a joystick. In terms of functionality, the first user input unit **130a** allows the user to input a command such as start, end, or send and the second user input unit **130b** allows the user to select an operating mode of the mobile terminal **100**. The third user input unit **130c** may function as a hot key for activating a special function of the mobile terminal **100**.

FIG. 3 is a rear perspective view of the mobile terminal shown in FIG. 2. As shown in FIG. 3, a fourth user input unit **130d**, a fifth user input unit **130e**, and an interface unit **170** may be provided on a side surface of the rear case **100A-2** and

a second camera **121b** may be additionally provided on a rear surface of the rear case **100A-2**.

The second camera **121b** may have a capture direction substantially opposite to that of the first camera **121a** and have a different pixel resolution from that of the first camera **121a**. For example, the first camera **121a** preferably has a low pixel resolution such that it is suitable to capture and transmit an image of the face of the user, for example, in the case of video communication and the second camera **121b** preferably has a high pixel resolution since, when the user captures a general object using the second camera **121b**, the user generally does not immediately transmit the captured image.

A mirror **125** and a flash lamp **126** may be additionally provided on the mobile terminal **100** near the second camera **121b**. The mirror **125** allows the user to view their face or the like when capturing themselves using the second camera **121b** (i.e., in the case of self-shooting). The flash lamp **126** shines light toward a subject when the subject is captured using the second camera **121b**.

A second audio output module (not shown) may be additionally provided on the rear case **100A-2**. The second audio output module may implement a stereo function in conjunction with the first audio output module **153a** and may be used to perform voice or video communication in a speakerphone mode.

In addition to an antenna for communication, an antenna for receiving broadcast signals (not shown) may be provided on the rear case **100A-2** at a portion thereof. Each antenna may be mounted to be retractable from the rear case **100A-2**.

The interface unit **170** is a channel through which the mobile terminal **100** can exchange data or the like with an external device. For example, the interface unit **170** may be at least one of a connection terminal for wired or wireless connection to an earphone, a port for local area communication, and power supply terminals for supplying power to the mobile terminal **100**. The interface unit **170** may be a card socket for receiving an external card such as a Subscriber Identification Module (SIM), a User Identity Module (UIM), or a memory card for information storage.

A power supply unit **190** for supplying power to the mobile terminal **100** is provided on the rear case **100A-2**. The power supply unit **190** is, for example, a rechargeable battery which is detachably mounted to the rear case **100A-2** for the purpose of recharging or the like. Although the above description has been given with reference to an example where the second camera **121b** is provided on the rear case **100A-2**, the present invention is not limited to this example. When the second camera **121b** is not provided, the first camera **121a** may be formed to be rotatable so as to enable capturing in the same capture direction as that of the second camera **121b**.

<Description of FIG. 4>

FIG. 4 is a block diagram of a mobile terminal system according to an embodiment of the present invention.

The mobile terminal according to this embodiment may be connected to another mobile terminal by wire or wirelessly to transmit and receive signals to and from the mobile terminal. The mobile terminal may be a TV or PC. Specifically, a first mobile terminal **100** according to this embodiment may transmit and receive signals to and from a second mobile terminal **200**. The first mobile terminal **100** may also transmit and receive signals to and from a TV **210** and a PC **220** which are examples of the mobile terminal. The following is a description of a method through which the first mobile terminal **100** and the second mobile terminal **200** transmit and receive content to and from each other according to this embodiment.

The content transmitting and receiving method according to this embodiment may also be applied to other mobile terminals.

The first mobile terminal **100** may enter a content share mode in which the first mobile terminal **100** can transmit and receive content to and from the second mobile terminal **200**. The content share mode may be a mode in which the first mobile terminal **100** can transmit content to a mobile terminal present within a predetermined distance or can receive content from a mobile terminal present within a predetermined distance.

In this embodiment, the first mobile terminal **100** that has entered the content share mode may transmit information regarding content for transmission to the second mobile terminal **200** that has entered the content share mode. The first mobile terminal **100** may also transmit a content transmission grant request signal to the second mobile terminal **200** before transmitting content to the second mobile terminal **200**. The content transmission grant request signal may include information regarding the content.

The second mobile terminal **200** may display the information regarding the content included in the content transmission grant request signal. A user of the second mobile terminal **200** may input a content reception command to the second mobile terminal **200** after checking the information regarding the content. When it is determined that the content reception command has been input, the second mobile terminal **200** may transmit a content transmission grant signal to the first mobile terminal **100**. When the second mobile terminal **200** has transmitted the content transmission grant signal, the first mobile terminal **100** determines that a content reception command has been input to the second mobile terminal **200**. Thus, the first mobile terminal **100** can transmit content to the second mobile terminal **200**.

The first mobile terminal **100** may transmit content to the second mobile terminal **200** according to at least two transmission formats. In an example, the first mobile terminal **100** may transmit content to the second mobile terminal **200** according to a show transmission format. The content transmitted according to the show transmission format is not stored in the second mobile terminal **200**. The user of the first mobile terminal **100** can control the content even after the first mobile terminal **100** transmits the content to the second mobile terminal **200** according to the show transmission format.

In an example, when the first mobile terminal **100** has transmitted content currently displayed on the display unit **151** of the first mobile terminal **100** to the second mobile terminal **200** according to the show transmission format, the second mobile terminal **200** may display the content received from the first mobile terminal **100**. When the user of the first mobile terminal **100** has moved, edited, played back, or stopped playback of the content displayed on the display unit **151** of the first mobile terminal **100**, the state of the content displayed on the second mobile terminal **200** is changed in the same manner as that displayed on the first mobile terminal **100**. That is, the display state of the content displayed on the second mobile terminal **200** is changed according to the display state of the content displayed on the first mobile terminal **100**.

The content transmitted according to the show transmission format can be controlled solely by the first mobile terminal **100** after the content is transmitted to the second mobile terminal **200**. The content transmitted to the second mobile terminal **200** cannot be stored in the second mobile terminal **200**. Thus, the user of the first mobile terminal **100** can share

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content, which can be controlled solely by the user of the first mobile terminal **100** due to copyright, with the user of the second mobile terminal **200**.

The content that the first mobile terminal **100** has transmitted to the second mobile terminal **200** according to the show transmission format may be deleted from the second mobile terminal **200** when it is determined that the second mobile terminal **200** has been released from the content share mode or that the distance between the first mobile terminal **100** and the second mobile terminal **200** has exceeded the predetermined distance.

The first mobile terminal **100** may also transmit content according to a give transmission format. The content transmitted according to the give transmission format may be controlled by the second mobile terminal **200**.

After transmitting first content currently displayed on the display unit **151**, the user of the first mobile terminal **100** may control the first mobile terminal **100** to display second content on the display unit **151**. In the case where first content has been transmitted according to the show transmission format, the first content cannot be displayed on the second mobile terminal **200** when the first content is no longer displayed on the first mobile terminal **100**.

In the case where the first content has been transmitted according to the give transmission format, the first content can continue to be displayed on the second mobile terminal **200** even when the first content is no longer displayed on the first mobile terminal **100**. The user of the second mobile terminal **200** can independently control (for example, move, edit, play back, or stop playback of) the first content. The user of the second mobile terminal **200** can also store the first content.

The user of the first mobile terminal **100** can also input a content transmission command to the first mobile terminal **100**. Upon determining that the content transmission command has been input, the first mobile terminal **100** may transmit information regarding content, which is to be transmitted to the second mobile terminal **200**, to the second mobile terminal **200**. The information regarding the content may be included in a content transmission grant request signal to be transmitted to the second mobile terminal **200** as described above. When a content reception command has been input to the second mobile terminal **200**, the second mobile terminal **200** may transmit a content transmission grant signal to the first mobile terminal **100**. The content transmission grant signal includes the content reception command that has been input to the second mobile terminal **200**. Accordingly, the first mobile terminal **100** determines that the content reception command has been input to the second mobile terminal **200** and can thus transmit the content to the first mobile terminal **100**.

In the case where a content transmission command has been input to the first mobile terminal **100**, the first mobile terminal **100** determines a content transmission format for transmitting the content. The content transmission format may be set by default. The content transmission format may be set for each item of content. In an example, content, which has been marked as content that should be protected by copyright, may be set to be transmitted according to the show transmission format. The user may also select a content transmission format. In this case, the first mobile terminal **100** transmits content to the second mobile terminal **200** according to the content transmission format selected by the user.

In this embodiment, an icon corresponding to a content transmission command may be provided according to the content transmission format. In this case, the user of the first mobile terminal **100** may input a content transmission com-

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mand to the first mobile terminal **100** by dragging content, an item corresponding to the content, or an image corresponding to the content displayed on the display unit **151** onto the icon corresponding to the content transmission command. The verb “drag” used in this case will also be referred to as “push”.

In this embodiment in which content may be transmitted according to at least two transmission formats, the display unit **151** of the first mobile terminal **100** may display an icon corresponding to the show transmission format and an icon corresponding to the give transmission format. If the user drags an item corresponding to content or an image corresponding to content onto the icon corresponding to the show transmission format, the first mobile terminal **100** may transmit information regarding the content to the second mobile terminal **200** according to the show transmission format. If the user drags an item corresponding to content or an image corresponding to content onto the icon corresponding to the give transmission format, the first mobile terminal **100** may transmit information regarding the content to the second mobile terminal **200** according to the give transmission format.

The information regarding the content transmitted by the first mobile terminal **100** may be information regarding a thumbnail corresponding to the content. The first mobile terminal **100** may transmit a content transmission grant request signal including the information regarding the content such as the information regarding the thumbnail to the second mobile terminal **200**. The second mobile terminal **200** may display the information regarding the content included in the content transmission grant request signal transmitted by the first mobile terminal **100** on a display unit of the second mobile terminal **200**. Through the information regarding the content displayed on the second mobile terminal **200**, the user of the second mobile terminal **200** may check the content that the first mobile terminal **100** desires to transmit to the second mobile terminal **200**.

In the case where the information regarding the content is information regarding a thumbnail corresponding to the content, the display unit of the second mobile terminal **200** may display the thumbnail of the content that the first mobile terminal **100** desires to transmit. The user of the second mobile terminal **200** may touch the thumbnail displayed on the display unit of the second mobile terminal **200** or may drag the thumbnail to another region on the display unit. The verb “drag” used in this case will also be referred to as “pull”. In this case, the second mobile terminal **200** may determine that a content reception command has been input. Accordingly, the second mobile terminal **200** may transmit a content transmission grant signal to the first mobile terminal **100**.

In the case where the user of the second mobile terminal **200** does not input a content reception command to the second mobile terminal **200** within a predetermined time, the second mobile terminal **200** may remove the content thumbnail displayed on the display unit. In addition, in the case where the user of the second mobile terminal **200** does not transmit a content transmission grant signal to the first mobile terminal **100** within a predetermined time, the first mobile terminal **100** may stop attempting to transmit content to the second mobile terminal **200**.

In the case where the user of the second mobile terminal **200** is away, the second mobile terminal **200** may display information regarding the time at which the first mobile terminal **100** has attempted to transmit content on the display unit of the second mobile terminal **200**. That is, if a content reception command is not input to the second mobile terminal **200** during a predetermined time, the second mobile terminal **200** may remove the content thumbnail and display, on the

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display unit of the second mobile terminal **200**, information such as the time at which the content thumbnail was displayed and information regarding the first mobile terminal **100** that has provided the content thumbnail. This allows the user of the second mobile terminal **200** to confirm that the first mobile terminal **100** attempted to transmit the content.

The user of the second mobile terminal **200** may input a content reject command (i.e., a command not to receive content) to the second mobile terminal **200**. In an example, the user of the second mobile terminal **200** may input a content reject command to the second mobile terminal **200** by moving the second mobile terminal **200** in a predetermined direction or by dragging the content thumbnail toward the outside of the display unit on which the content is displayed.

When a content reject command has been input to the second mobile terminal **200**, the second mobile terminal **200** may transmit a content transmission reject signal to the first mobile terminal **100**. The first mobile terminal **100** may stop attempting to transmit the content upon receiving the content transmission reject signal transmitted from the second mobile terminal **200**.

The first mobile terminal **100** determines that a content reception command has been input to the second mobile terminal **200** upon receiving the content transmission grant signal transmitted by the second mobile terminal **200**. The first mobile terminal **100** may transmit content to the second mobile terminal **200** according to a specific transmission format. When transmission of the content from the first mobile terminal **100** to the second mobile terminal **200** is completed, the first mobile terminal **100** and the second mobile terminal **200** may display the transmitted content in a full screen mode. This allows the user to confirm that content transmission has been completed.

Content transmitted according to the show transmission format is displayed in a floating state on the second mobile terminal **200**. That is, the content is displayed on the display unit of the second mobile terminal **200** so as to appear to be floating on the screen. Thus, the floating content is removed from the display unit of the second mobile terminal **200** when the first mobile terminal **100** is more than a predetermined distance away from the second mobile terminal **200** or when playback of the content on the first mobile terminal **100** is stopped.

The content transmitted according to the give transmission format is displayed in a sunken state on the second mobile terminal **200**. Specifically, the content is displayed on the display unit of the second mobile terminal **200** so as to appear to be fixed to the screen. Thus, the sunken content may continue to be displayed on the display unit of the second mobile terminal **200** even when the first mobile terminal **100** is more than a predetermined distance away from the second mobile terminal **200** or when playback of the content on the first mobile terminal **100** is stopped.

The user of the second mobile terminal **200** may input a sunken content storage command to the second mobile terminal **200**. When the content storage command has been input, the second mobile terminal **200** may store the sunken content in a memory of the second mobile terminal **200** or the like.

The user of the first mobile terminal **100** may register the second mobile terminal **200** as a trusted device. The first mobile terminal **100** may also be registered as a trusted device in the second mobile terminal **200**. In this case, the first mobile terminal **100** may transmit content to the second mobile terminal **200** without transmitting a content transmission grant request signal to the second mobile terminal **200** or

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without receiving a content transmission grant signal transmitted from the second mobile terminal **200**.

In this case, when the user of the first mobile terminal **100** pushes content displayed on the display unit **151** of the first mobile terminal **100**, an item corresponding to the content, or an image corresponding to the content onto the icon corresponding to the transmission command, the first mobile terminal **100** transmits the content to the second mobile terminal **200**. The content pushed to the second mobile terminal **200** may be displayed in a full screen mode on the second mobile terminal **200**.

The user of the first mobile terminal **100** may register the second mobile terminal **200** as a trusted device of the first mobile terminal **100**. The user of the second mobile terminal **200** may also register the first mobile terminal **100** as a trusted device of the second mobile terminal **200**. In addition, the first mobile terminal **100** may register the second mobile terminal **200**, which has transmitted a content transmission grant signal received by the first mobile terminal **100**, as a trusted device. The second mobile terminal **200** may register the first mobile terminal **100**, which has transmitted a content transmission grant signal received by the second mobile terminal **200**, as a trusted device.

The first mobile terminal **100** which is in the content share mode may transmit a content transmission grant request signal to a second mobile terminal **200** which is within a predetermined distance among mobile terminals which are in the content share mode. When a mobile terminal registered as a trusted device of the first mobile terminal **100** is within a predetermined distance, the first mobile terminal **100** may transmit content to the trusted device without the step of transmitting a content transmission grant request signal. In addition, when a mobile terminal registered as a trusted device of the second mobile terminal **200** is within a predetermined distance, the second mobile terminal **200** may receive content transmitted by the trusted device even when the trusted device has not transmitted a content transmission grant request signal.

In the mobile terminal system according to this embodiment, a mobile terminal may transmit and receive signals according to a WiFi protocol. Before transmitting content, the first mobile terminal **100** and the second mobile terminal **200** are subjected to the handshake step at which the mobile terminals transmit and receive a content transmission grant request signal and a content transmission grant signal as described above. Examples of the wireless communication protocol in which signals can be transmitted and received at the handshake step and the actual content transmission step include not only WiFi but also RFID, NFC, and IR communication protocols. In the mobile terminal system according to this embodiment, signals may be transmitted and received according to a wireless communication protocol determined in consideration of the distance between mobile terminals or positions of mobile terminals.

<Description of FIGS. 5 and 6>

FIG. 5 illustrates a screen displayed on the mobile terminal **100** according to an embodiment of the present invention. The mobile terminal **100** of this embodiment may be a handheld device having a function to perform voice or video communication with another mobile terminal through a wireless communication protocol.

A screen **301** displayed on the mobile terminal **100** of this embodiment may include a menu icon **302** corresponding to a command to allow control of the mobile terminal **100**, a message widget **303** indicating information regarding a message transmitted to the mobile terminal **100**, a position notification widget **304** indicating information regarding a cur-

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rent position of the mobile terminal **100**, and a content share mode notification widget **305** indicating whether or not the mobile terminal **100** is currently in the content share mode.

In this embodiment, the mobile terminal **100** that has entered the content share mode may transmit content to a second mobile terminal that is in the content share mode among mobile terminals that are within a predetermined distance. Content transmitted between mobile terminals that are in the content share mode may be referred to as “fluid media”. Through the content share mode notification widget **305** displayed on the screen **301** of the mobile terminal **100**, the user can check whether or not the mobile terminal **100** has entered the content share mode in which it is possible to transmit and receive fluid media.

When the user of the mobile terminal **100** has touched the content share mode notification widget **305** included in a background screen **301**, the background screen **301** of the mobile terminal **100** may be changed as shown in FIG. **6a**.

The background screen **301** of the mobile terminal **100** shown in FIG. **6a** includes a widget **312** that allows change of the mode of the mobile terminal **100**. The mode change widget **312** includes an object **313** that allows input of a mode change command. The user may cause the mobile terminal **100** to enter the content share mode by dragging the object **313**.

When the user drags the object **313** corresponding to the mode change command to the left side after touching the object **313**, text displayed on the object **313** is changed from “off” to “on”. The mode change widget **314** shown at the right side of an arrow in FIG. **6a** includes the object **313** on which the changed text “on” is displayed. Through the display state of the object **313**, the user can confirm that the mode change command has been input to the mobile terminal **100**.

A background screen **315** of the mobile terminal **100** shown in FIG. **6b** includes the share mode notification widget **305** whose display state has been changed. In this embodiment, when the mobile terminal has entered the share mode, the share mode notification widget **305** may be deepened in color (or darkened) or may be brightened. Through the share mode notification widget **305** included in the background screen **315** shown in FIG. **6b**, the user can confirm that the mode of the mobile terminal **100** is currently in the content share mode.

<Description of FIGS. **7** and **8**>

FIGS. **7** and **8** illustrate screens displayed on the mobile terminal **100** when a content transmission command has been input to the mobile terminal **100** which is in the content share mode. In the mobile terminal **100** of this embodiment, the display unit **151** may be constructed of a touch screen. The user may input a command to the mobile terminal **100** by touching the display unit **151**. When the display unit **151** is not a touch screen, the user may input a command to the mobile terminal **100** using a remote control device that can control the mobile terminal **100**.

As shown in FIG. **7a**, a thumbnail **322** corresponding to content may be displayed on the mobile terminal **100**. In this embodiment, the thumbnail **322** is stored in a folder that is named “Summer Holiday” and corresponds to content corresponding to photographs taken during a summer holiday.

When the user of the mobile terminal **100** has touched the thumbnail **322**, objects displayed on the background screen **321** other than the thumbnail **322** are faded out. Thus, the user can confirm that the thumbnail **322** has been selected.

As shown in FIG. **7b**, when the thumbnail **322** has been selected, the mobile terminal **100** displays icons **323** and **324** corresponding to a content transmission command on the display unit **151**. In this embodiment, the icons **323** and **324**

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displayed on the display unit **151** correspond to a command that allows transmission of content corresponding to the selected thumbnail **322** according to the show transmission format or the give transmission format.

The mobile terminal **100** highlights the icon **324** located at the side to which the user drags (or pushes) the selected thumbnail **322** among the two icons **323** and **324** and fades out the other icon **323**. Thus, the user can know that content corresponding to the thumbnail **322** dragged (or pushed) by the user will be transmitted to another mobile terminal according to the give transmission format.

As shown in FIG. **7b**, the mobile terminal **100** may display text “Fluid Media” on the selected thumbnail **322**. Thus, the user can confirm that the content corresponding to the selected thumbnail **322** is fluid media to be transmitted to another mobile terminal.

When the selected thumbnail **322** is dragged (pushed) onto the content transmission command icon **324** corresponding to the give transmission format as shown in FIG. **7c**, the screen displayed on the mobile terminal **100** is changed as shown in FIG. **8a**. In this case, objects other than the icon **324** that allows the user to input a command to transmit content according to the give transmission format are faded out on a screen **331** of the display unit **151** of the mobile terminal **100**. Thus, the user can confirm that the command to transmit content according to the give transmission format has been input to the mobile terminal **100**.

In addition, the mobile terminal **100** may display an object **326** corresponding to a thumbnail corresponding to content for transmission on the content transmission command icon **324** corresponding to the give transmission format. Thus, the user can check the content for transmission according to the give transmission format.

FIG. **8b** illustrates a screen **327** displayed on the display unit **151** of the mobile terminal **100** after completion of transmission according to the give transmission format. As shown in FIG. **8b**, the mobile terminal **100** may display the content on the screen **327** in a full screen mode after the content has been completely transmitted. Thus, the user of the mobile terminal **100** may confirm that the content has been transmitted.

<Description of FIG. **9**>

FIGS. **9a** to **9c** illustrate screens displayed on the mobile terminal **100** that receives content according to a method for controlling the operation of a mobile terminal system according to the present invention. The mobile terminal **100** of this embodiment may be a mobile terminal that can receive a broadcast signal and output an image based on the received broadcast signal. The mobile terminal **100** of this embodiment may be connected to a network such as the Internet. The mobile terminal **100** may display a message included in a signal received through the network. The mobile terminal **100** of this embodiment may be connected to a telephone network. The user of the mobile terminal **100** may perform voice or video communication with a counterpart using the mobile terminal **100**.

The mobile terminal **100** that has entered the content share mode may receive content transmitted by a third mobile terminal that is in the content share mode. In the case where the third mobile terminal has been registered as a trusted device in the mobile terminal **100** or where the mobile terminal **100** has been registered as a trusted device in the third mobile terminal, the mobile terminal **100** and the third mobile terminal that are in the content share mode may transmit content without the handshake step.

In the case where the third mobile terminal has not been registered as a trusted device in the mobile terminal **100** or

where the mobile terminal **100** has not been registered as a trusted device in the third mobile terminal, the mobile terminal **100** and the third mobile terminal that are in the content share mode may transmit content after the handshake step. The handshake step is a process in which mobile terminals transmit and receive a content transmission grant request signal and a content transmission grant signal or a content transmission reject signal as described above.

FIG. **9a** illustrates a screen **331** displayed on the display unit **151** of the mobile terminal **100** in the case where a third mobile terminal transmits a content transmission grant request signal to the mobile terminal **100**.

The third mobile terminal may transmit a content transmission grant request signal including information regarding content, which is to be transmitted to the mobile terminal **100**, to the mobile terminal **100**. In this embodiment, the information regarding the content that is to be transmitted by the third mobile terminal is information regarding a content thumbnail. The mobile terminal **100** may display a thumbnail **332** on the display unit **151** with reference to information regarding the content thumbnail included in the content transmission grant request signal transmitted by the third mobile terminal.

The mobile terminal **100** may display an image based on a broadcast signal or may display a received message. Thus, as shown in FIG. **9a**, the screen **331** displayed on the mobile terminal **100** may include a thumbnail **333** of an image based on a broadcast signal, a message list **334**, a thumbnail **335** of an image based on a broadcast signal received in a favorite channel registered by the user of the mobile terminal **100**, a menu **336** that allows the user to input a command to the mobile terminal **100**, and a video window **337** that is currently being played on the mobile terminal **100**.

The mobile terminal **100** receives a content transmission grant request signal from the third mobile terminal and then displays a content thumbnail **332** on the display unit **151** and fades out objects included in the screen **331** other than the content thumbnail **332**. Thus, the user of the mobile terminal **100** can confirm that the third mobile terminal desires to transmit content corresponding to the content thumbnail **332** to the mobile terminal **100**.

As shown in FIG. **9b**, the user of the mobile terminal **100** may drag (pull) a content thumbnail **332** toward a center region of the display unit **151**. In the case where the display unit **151** is constructed of a touch screen, the user may touch the content thumbnail **332** and then drag the same toward the center region of the display unit **151**. In addition, the user of the mobile terminal **100** may drag (pull) the content thumbnail **332** using a remote control device of the mobile terminal **100**.

The content thumbnail **332** may indicate information regarding the third mobile terminal that desires to transmit content. The content thumbnail **332** may also indicate a file name or the like of content that the third mobile terminal desires to transmit.

In an example, the content thumbnail **332** may display a user name **338** of a third mobile terminal, which transmits content, in text. The content thumbnail **332** may also display a folder name **339** of a folder, in which content for transmission is stored, in text. Thus, through the content thumbnail **332**, the user of the mobile terminal **100** can check a variety of information regarding content that is to be transmitted.

When the user has selected the content thumbnail **332** by touching the content thumbnail **332** or using a remote control device, the mobile terminal **100** determines that a content reception command has been input. Thus, the mobile terminal **100** transmits a content transmission grant command to the

third mobile terminal. When the content transmission grant command has been transmitted to the third mobile terminal, the third mobile terminal transmits content corresponding to the information transmitted at the handshake step to the mobile terminal **100**.

FIG. **9c** illustrates a screen **340** displayed on the display unit **151** of the mobile terminal **100** that has received the content transmitted by the third mobile terminal. When the mobile terminal **100** has received the content transmitted by the third mobile terminal, the mobile terminal **100** may display the received content on the display unit **151** in a full screen mode as shown in FIG. **9c**. Thus, the user of the mobile terminal **100** can check the content transmitted by the third mobile terminal.

<Description of FIG. **10**>

FIGS. **10a** and **10b** illustrate a screen **351** displayed on the mobile terminal **100** in the case where content transmitted to the mobile terminal **100** is stored. The mobile terminal **100** of this embodiment has a function that allows the user to perform voice communication or video communication with Choi's phone through a telephone network.

A third mobile terminal may transmit a content transmission grant request signal to the mobile terminal **100** that has entered the content share mode. In this case, the mobile terminal **100** may display a content thumbnail **352** with reference to information regarding content included in the content transmission grant request signal as shown in FIG. **10a**.

In the case where the content that the third mobile terminal desires to transmit is content for transmission according to the give transmission format, the user of the mobile terminal **100** may store content transmitted by the third mobile terminal. The mobile terminal **100** may display an object **353**, which allows the user to input a command to store the content transmitted by the third mobile terminal, on the screen **351**.

When the user has dragged (pulled) the content thumbnail **352** onto the object **353**, the mobile terminal **100** may determine that a content storage command has been input. In this case, the mobile terminal **100** may store content corresponding to the content thumbnail **352** in a memory of the mobile terminal **100** or the like. FIG. **10b** illustrates a screen **354** displayed on the display unit **151** of the mobile terminal **100** when the user has dragged the content thumbnail **352** onto the object **353**.

When the content thumbnail **352** has been dragged (pulled) onto the object **353**, color of the object **353** displayed on the display unit **151** of the mobile terminal **100** may be changed as shown in FIG. **10b**. Through the change of the color of the object **353**, the user can confirm that a content storage command has been input to the mobile terminal **100**.

<Description of FIGS. **11** and **12**>

FIGS. **11** and **12** are drawings used to explain a method for transmitting and receiving content in a mobile terminal system according to an embodiment of the present invention.

As shown in FIG. **11a**, the user of the first mobile terminal **100** may drag (push) a content thumbnail **361** toward an icon **362** that allows the user to input a content transmission command. When the content thumbnail **361** is dragged (pushed) onto the icon **362**, the first mobile terminal **100** may transmit a content transmission grant request signal including information regarding content corresponding to the content thumbnail to a fourth mobile terminal **400** and a fifth mobile terminal **500**.

In this embodiment, the user of the first mobile terminal **100** pushes the content thumbnail **361** onto the icon **362** corresponding to input of the content transmission command according to the show transmission format so that the content is transmitted according to the show transmission format.

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Thus, upon receiving a content transmission grant signal transmitted by the fourth mobile terminal **400** or the fifth mobile terminal **500**, the first mobile terminal **100** transmits the content to each of the fourth and fifth mobile terminals according to the show transmission format.

The fourth mobile terminal **400** and the fifth mobile terminal **500** may generate content thumbnails **364** and **365** based on the information regarding the content included in the content transmission grant request signal transmitted by the first mobile terminal **100**. The content thumbnails **364** and **365** generated by the fourth mobile terminal **400** and the fifth mobile terminal **500** may be displayed on display units of the mobile terminals **400** and **500**, respectively.

The user of each of the mobile terminals **400** and **500** may input a content reject command or a content reception command to the mobile terminal. When the content reject command has been input, each of the mobile terminals **400** and **500** may transmit a content transmission reject signal to the first mobile terminal **100**. When the content reception command has been input, each of the mobile terminals **400** and **500** may transmit a content transmission grant signal to the first mobile terminal **100**.

FIG. **11b** illustrates the case where the user of the fourth mobile terminal **400** inputs a content reject command to the fourth mobile terminal **400** and the case where the user of the fifth mobile terminal **500** inputs a content reception command to the fifth mobile terminal **500**.

The user of the fourth mobile terminal **400** may rotate the fourth mobile terminal **400** in a direction shown by an arrow by a certain angle as shown in FIG. **11b**. In this case, the fourth mobile terminal **400** determines that a content reject command has been input to the fourth mobile terminal **400**. The fourth mobile terminal **400** transmits a content transmission reject signal to the first mobile terminal **100**.

The user of the fifth mobile terminal **500** may drag (pull) a content thumbnail **365** displayed on the fifth mobile terminal **500**. In this case, the fifth mobile terminal **500** determines that a content reception command has been input to the fifth mobile terminal **500**. The fifth mobile terminal **500** transmits a content transmission grant signal to the first mobile terminal **100**.

The first mobile terminal **100** receives the content transmission grant signal transmitted by the fifth mobile terminal **500** and then transmits content to the fifth mobile terminal **500**. In addition, the first mobile terminal **100** receives the content transmission reject signal transmitted by the fourth mobile terminal **400** and then stops content transmission to the fourth mobile terminal **400**.

FIG. **12a** illustrates an example in which content **366** is displayed in a full screen mode on the first mobile terminal **100** and the fifth mobile terminal **500** when the first mobile terminal **100** has transmitted the content to the fifth mobile terminal **500**. In this embodiment, the first mobile terminal **100** has transmitted the content **366** to the fifth mobile terminal **500** according to the show transmission format. Thus, the first mobile terminal **100** has a right to control the content **366**.

FIG. **12b** illustrates the case where the content **366** has been dragged so that second content **367** is displayed on the display unit **151** of the first mobile terminal **100**. In the case where the user of the first mobile terminal **100** drags the content **366** displayed on the display unit **151** of the first mobile terminal **100** and second content **367** is thus displayed on the display unit **151**, the content **366** displayed on the fifth mobile terminal **500** is also dragged and the second content **367** is thus displayed on the fifth mobile terminal **500**.

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Content transmitted by the first mobile terminal **100** is not displayed on the fourth mobile terminal **400** to which a content reject command has been input.

<Description of FIGS. **13** and **14**>

FIGS. **13** and **14** illustrate a method for transmitting content between the mobile terminal **100** and a sixth mobile terminal **600**. In this embodiment, the sixth mobile terminal **600** may have been registered as a trusted device of the mobile terminal **100**. In addition, the mobile terminal **100** may have been registered as a trusted device of the sixth mobile terminal **600**. The mobile terminal of this embodiment may identify a mobile terminal registered as a trusted device using serial numbers or other identifiers of other mobile terminals present in the mobile terminal system.

As shown in FIG. **13a**, a message or email application may be executed on the mobile terminal **100**. In this case, a message or email application screen **371** is displayed on the display unit **151** of the mobile terminal **100**. In this embodiment, a message or email displayed on the display unit **151** includes content **372**.

The user of the mobile terminal **100** may drag (push) the content **372** in a direction shown by an arrow after touching the content **372**. When the user has dragged the content **372**, the mobile terminal **100** determines that a content transmission command has been input.

The sixth mobile terminal **600** may be a mobile terminal that has been registered as a trusted device of the mobile terminal **100**. The mobile terminal **100** may also be a mobile terminal that has been registered as a trusted device of the sixth mobile terminal **600**. Thus, the mobile terminal **100** may transmit content to the sixth mobile terminal **600** without the step of handshake with the sixth mobile terminal **600**.

FIG. **13b** illustrates screens displayed on the mobile terminal **100** and the sixth mobile terminal **600** in the case where the mobile terminal **100** transmits content to the sixth mobile terminal **600**. The sixth mobile terminal **600** may display content **373** that is dragged (pushed) at the mobile terminal **100**. The user of the mobile terminal **100** can check the dragged content through the sixth mobile terminal **600**.

In the case where the mobile terminal **100** has completely transmitted content to the sixth mobile terminal **600**, the sixth mobile terminal **600** may display the transmitted content in a full screen mode. Thus, the user can confirm that content transmission to the sixth mobile terminal **600** has been completed. The sixth mobile terminal **600** may reproduce the completely transmitted content.

FIG. **14a** illustrates a screen **374** displayed on the sixth mobile terminal **600** after content transmission has been completed. When content has been completely transmitted, the sixth mobile terminal **600** displays and reproduces the content in a full screen mode. The sixth mobile terminal **600** may display a progress bar **375** indicating information regarding reproduction of the content. The user of the sixth mobile terminal **600** may control reproduction of the content using the progress bar **375**.

As shown in FIG. **14a**, the user of the mobile terminal **100** may select an icon **376** corresponding to a command to check a next message or email displayed on the mobile terminal **100**. When the icon **376** of the mobile terminal **100** is selected, the mobile terminal **100** may display a message or email next to the currently displayed message or email.

FIG. **14b** illustrates an icon **376** of the mobile terminal **100** on which a 5th message or email is displayed. Even when the 5th message or email is displayed, the sixth mobile terminal **600** may continue to display content transmitted by the mobile terminal **100**. Thus, the user can check content included in a previous message or email through the sixth

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mobile terminal **600** while checking a next message or email through the mobile terminal **100**.

On the other hand, when content is being displayed on the display unit **151** of the mobile terminal **100**, a thumbnail of the content displayed on the display unit **151** may be displayed on the sixth mobile terminal **600** if it is determined that the sixth mobile terminal **600** registered as a trusted device is present within a predetermined distance or in a content share mode.

That is, even when the user of a mobile terminal **100** has not dragged (pushed) content displayed on the display unit **151** of the mobile terminal **100**, the mobile terminal **100** may transmit information regarding content to a trusted device if it is determined that the trusted device is within a predetermined distance. The trusted device which has received the information regarding the content may display a thumbnail of the content that is being reproduced on the mobile terminal **100**.

In another embodiment, a first mobile terminal **100** which is in the content share mode may detect that another mobile terminal which is in a predetermined distance is in the content share mode. In this case, even when the user of the first mobile terminal **100** has not dragged (pushed) the content that is currently being displayed on the display unit **151**, the first mobile terminal **100** may transmit information regarding the content to a different mobile terminal if it is determined that the different mobile terminal is present within a predetermined distance. The mobile terminal that has received the information regarding the content may display a thumbnail of the content that is being reproduced on the first mobile terminal **100**.

In this case, if the user of the different mobile terminal drags (pulls) the thumbnail of the content, the first mobile terminal **100** may transmit the content to the different mobile terminal according to a predetermined content transmission format. As described above, the content transmission format may be determined according to the type of the content or may be determined according to the type of the different mobile terminal or may be determined according to information set by default in the first mobile terminal **100**.

As is apparent from the above description, according to the present invention, it is possible to conveniently transmit content between mobile terminals that are in a share mode. Before receiving content from a first mobile terminal, a second mobile terminal can display a thumbnail corresponding to the content. The user of the second mobile terminal can check the content that will be received using the thumbnail corresponding to the content. The first and second mobile terminals can provide user interface environments that can intuitively indicate content transmission states. Thus, users can conveniently manage content transmission between at least two mobile terminals.

The mobile terminal and the method of controlling the operation of the same according to the present invention are not limited in their applications to the configurations and methods of the embodiments described above and all or some of the embodiments may be selectively combined to implement various modifications.

The method for controlling the mobile terminal according to the present invention can be embodied as processor readable code on a processor readable medium provided in a mobile terminal. The processor readable medium includes any type of storage device that stores data which can be read by a processor. Examples of the processor readable medium include Read-Only Memory (ROM), Random-Access Memory (RAM), CD-ROMs, magnetic tape, floppy disks, optical data storage devices, and so on. The processor readable medium can also be embodied in the form of carrier

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waves as signals transmitted over the Internet. The processor readable medium can also be distributed over a network of coupled processor systems so that the processor readable code is stored and executed in a distributed fashion.

Although the present invention has been illustrated and described above with reference to the specific embodiments, the present invention is not limited to the specific embodiments and it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications can be made to the embodiments without departing from the scope of the present invention as disclosed in the accompanying claims and such modifications should not be construed as departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for controlling operation of a first mobile terminal, the method comprising:
 - entering, by the first mobile terminal, a content share mode;
 - detecting, by the first mobile terminal, a second mobile terminal which is in the content share mode;
 - specifying a content transmission format for transmitting content to the second mobile terminal based on the detection result,
 - wherein the content transmission format is at least one of a first transmission format and a second transmission format,
 - the first transmission format allows the first mobile terminal to control the transmitted content according to a first command input to the first mobile terminal, and the second transmission format allows the second mobile terminal to control the transmitted content according to a second command input to the second mobile terminal;
 - displaying, on a display unit of the first mobile terminal, a first indicator representing the first transmission format at one side of the display unit and a second indicator representing the second transmission format at another side of the display unit;
 - dragging, on the display unit of the first mobile terminal, an image corresponding to the content to the first indicator or the second indicator for specifying a desired content transmission format;
 - upon dragging the image, highlighting one indicator located at the side to which the image is dragged among the first and second indicators and fading out the other indicator;
 - transmitting, to the second mobile terminal, information regarding the image corresponding to the content according to the desired content transmission format;
 - transmitting, to the second mobile terminal, the content, after a content transmission grant signal is received from the second mobile terminal in response to the thumbnail being dragged to a different region on a display unit of the second mobile terminal; and
 - stopping the transmission of the content to the second mobile terminal in response to the thumbnail being dragged out of the display unit of the second mobile terminal,
 - wherein the transmitted content is displayed on the display unit of the second mobile terminal in a floating state when the desired content transmission format is the first transmission format, and in a sunken state when the desired content transmission format is the second transmission format, and
 - wherein the desired content transmission format automatically changes from the first transmission format to the second transmission format when the first mobile terminal

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nal is removed from the second mobile terminal by more than a predetermined distance.

2. The method for controlling operation of the first mobile terminal according to claim 1, wherein the first transmission format allows the second mobile terminal only to display the content on a display unit of the second mobile terminal in the same manner as the display unit of first mobile terminal according to the first command.

3. The method for controlling operation of the first mobile terminal according to claim 2, wherein each of the first command and the second command includes a command for moving, editing, playing, playing back, or stopping playback of the content.

4. The method for controlling operation of the first mobile terminal according to claim 1, wherein the display unit of the first mobile terminal displays the content in a full screen mode when the transmission of the content to the second mobile terminal is completed.

5. The method for controlling operation of the first mobile terminal according to claim 1, further comprising:
stopping the transmission of the content to the second mobile terminal when the determining step determines that the second mobile terminal has rejected the content transmission grant request signal.

6. The method for controlling operation of the first mobile terminal according to claim 1, wherein the first mobile terminal transmits the content to the second mobile terminal without transmitting the content transmission grant request signal and receiving the content transmission grant signal if the first mobile terminal and the second mobile terminal are registered as trusted devices to each other.

7. A method for controlling operation of a second mobile terminal, the method comprising:

entering a content share mode;

receiving, from the first mobile terminal in the content share mode, information regarding content to be received from the first mobile terminal, the information regarding content being information for displaying a thumbnail of the content on a display unit of the second mobile terminal;

displaying, on the display unit of the second mobile terminal, the thumbnail of the content, the displayed thumbnail comprising first text information regarding a user name of the first mobile terminal and second text information regarding a name of a folder in which content for transmission is stored;

transmitting a content transmission grant request signal for receiving the content to the first mobile terminal in response to a dragging of the thumbnail of the content to a different region on the display unit of the second mobile terminal;

receiving the content from the first mobile terminal after the thumbnail is dragged to the different region on the display unit of the second mobile terminal;

rejecting the reception of the content after the thumbnail is dragged to the different region on the display unit of the second mobile terminal which causes the content to be received from the first mobile terminal, and after the second mobile terminal is rotated in a predetermined direction; and

displaying, on the display unit of the second mobile terminal, the received content in a floating state when the content is received according to a give transmission format, and in a sunken state when the content is received according to a show transmission format, wherein the received content is displayed on the display unit of the second terminal in the sunken state when the

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first mobile terminal is removed from the second mobile terminal by more than a predetermined distance.

8. The method for controlling operation of the second mobile terminal according to claim 7, further comprising:
displaying the received content in a full screen mode on the display unit of the second mobile terminal when the reception of the content received from the first mobile terminal is completed.

9. A first mobile terminal comprising:

a display unit;

a wireless communication unit configured to transmit and receive signals to and from a second mobile terminal; and

a controller configured to:

when the first mobile terminal has entered a content share mode, detect the second mobile terminal which is capable of transmitting and receiving signals through the wireless command unit and which is in the content share mode,

specify a content transmission format for transmitting content to the second mobile terminal, wherein the content transmission format is at least one of a first transmission format and a second transmission format,

the first transmission format allows the first mobile terminal to control the transmitted content according to a first command input to the first mobile terminal, and

the second transmission format allows the second mobile terminal to control the transmitted content according to a second command input to the second mobile terminal,

control the display unit of the first mobile terminal to display a first indicator representing the first transmission format at one side of the display unit and a second indicator representing the second transmission format at another side of the display unit,

drag, on the display unit of the first mobile terminal, an image corresponding to the content to the first indicator or the second indicator for specifying a desired content transmission format,

upon dragging the image, highlight one indicator located at the side to which the image is dragged among the first and second indicators and fade out the other indicator,

control the wireless communication unit to transmit, to the second mobile terminal, information regarding a thumbnail corresponding to the content according to the desired content transmission format,

control the wireless communication unit to transmit, to the second mobile terminal, the content, after a content transmission grant signal is received from the second mobile terminal in response to the thumbnail being dragged to a different region on the display unit of the second mobile terminal, and

control the wireless communication unit to stop the transmission of the content to the second mobile terminal in response to the thumbnail being dragged out of the display unit of the second mobile terminal,

wherein the transmitted content is displayed on the display unit of the second mobile terminal in a floating state when the desired content transmission format is the first transmission format, and in a sunken state when the desired content transmission format is the second transmission format, and

wherein the desired content transmission format automatically changes from the first transmission format to the

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second transmission format when the first mobile terminal is removed from the second mobile terminal by more than a predetermined distance.

10. A second mobile terminal comprising:

a display unit;

a wireless communication unit configured to transmit and receive signals to and from a first mobile terminal; and a controller configured to:

enter a content share mode,

control the wireless transmission unit to receive, from the first mobile terminal in the content share mode, information regarding content to be received from the first mobile terminal, the received information regarding the content being information for displaying a thumbnail of the content on the display unit of the second mobile terminal,

display, on the display unit of the second mobile terminal, the thumbnail of the content, the displayed thumbnail comprising information regarding a user name of the first mobile terminal and information regarding a name of a folder in which content for transmission is stored,

transmit a content transmission grant request signal for receiving the content to the first mobile terminal in

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response to a dragging of the thumbnail of the content to a different region on the display unit of the second mobile terminal,

control the wireless communication unit to receive the content transmitted by the first mobile terminal after the thumbnail is dragged to the different region on the display unit of the second mobile terminal,

control the wireless communication unit to reject the reception of the content after the thumbnail is dragged to the different region on the display unit of the second mobile terminal which causes the content to be received from the first mobile terminal, and after the second mobile terminal is rotated in a predetermined direction,

control the display unit of the second mobile terminal to display the received content in a floating state when the content is received according to a give transmission format, and in a sunken state when the content is received according to a show transmission format,

wherein the received content is displayed on the display unit of the second terminal in the sunken state when the first mobile terminal is removed from the second mobile terminal by more than a predetermined distance.

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